

SEPTEMBER 2024

Posts from



From the COMMANDER:

Greetings everyone,

As the Autumn season approaches, our Post will be preparing to conduct another round of Buddy Checks on our members. As Commander, I believe this is a vital function of the Post and should be routinely conducted. I would like to ask all of our members to check their contact information on MyLegion.org or contact an officer from the post if you have updated your contact information recently.

You are also invited to be a part of our buddy check team. If you would like to learn more please contact the one of the officers of the Post, or me.

All members are invited to attend the monthly membership meetings at the post. I encourage you to attend if able. Information about legion business, and events are discussed and you can stay in the loop on legion happenings. They are held on the first Wednesday of each month, at 6:30pm. I hope you can attend.

Very Respectfully,

Stephanie Paige
Commander

From the 1st VICE COMMANDER:

Well this has been another exciting and cram filled month of activities. On Saturday, August 10th, the DAV and Legion held a Family Funday. Hopefully next year it will be bigger and better, as this was a first attempt to jointly work with another veteran organization. Expecting big things for next year.

On August 22nd, the Golden Grads held their quarterly gathering at the Legion. They were extremely pleased and are planning the next one at the Legion on 11/21. Hope all you SLO and Mission High grads who have graduated more than 50 yrs. ago can join us in November.

On Wednesday, August 28th, Laurie Richards, our Auxiliary President and I with permission from Legion members took a breakfast for 95 people of yogurt, fruit, burritos, donuts and orange juice to Camp San Luis for our National Guard troops. It was greatly appreciated and many of them said they would like to come to the Post and meet our members. Looking forward to seeing them.

Last but not least, the quarterly Veterans Pork Chop Dinner was held on Friday, August 30th. Our Post volunteers came thru and provided the setup, serving and cleanup as well as helping to sell raffle and 50/50 tickets. They also manned an information table to provide Legion information and membership forms. Again this is another joint effort between Legion and Elks to help enrich our veteran community. Big thank you's to all that were involved. Also thank you to the Central Coast Harmony Chorus for providing a selection of patriotic songs.

Don't forget our next fundraiser; a Tri-Tip Drive-thru barbecue on Saturday, September 14th. Tickets are \$65 for a dinner for 4 people. That's a whole, cooked tri-tip, salad, beans, and a loaf of garlic bread! YUM!!

(See the flyer on page 5 of this newsletter.)

For God and Country

Yvonne Hampton
1st Vice Commander



SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE KITCHEN!

MONDAY SOCIAL MEALS ARE PLANNED AND PREPARED FOR A HEADCOUNT OF ABOUT 50 PEOPLE. TO ENSURE WE HAVE ENOUGH FOR ALL, PLEASE CALL THE POST AND LEAVE A MESSAGE IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE DINNER ON MONDAYS. IT'S HELPFUL TO THE KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS TO HAVE AN IDEA OF HOW MANY WILL BE ATTENDING. THE PHONE # IS (805)543-6445. THANK YOU!!

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ADJUTANT'S NEWS

Members should have received your dues reminder by now. And PUFL's (Paid Up For Life) members should have received their 2025 membership cards. To stay current, please send in your membership fee of \$50 as soon as you can. For those who still owe for 2024, please stay up to date so you don't end up with a break in your years of membership. Fees went up from \$45/year to \$50/year; so if you still owe for the 2024 year, you would still only pay \$45, but \$50 for the most recent dues notices sent. Cards will be sent soon, to those that have already sent in their renewals. Thank 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. 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, and Herb Filipponi.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Monday Night Socials and our monthly Membership BBQ's!

Stay happy, healthy, and in touch!

Nora O'Donnell

Post 66 Adjutant

FROM THE AUXILIARY

Hello Legion Family,

Fall is almost upon us, which means our annual raffle and silent auction is around the corner: November 13th, along with the monthly member's dinner with the famous Navoni pork chops to be served.

September will bring us the District meeting to be held in Ojai. The California Department President Linda Hayes will be attending the meeting. In November, the District meeting will be held at the Santa Maria Post. The City of San Luis Obispo will be hosting the annual 9/11 Remembrance ceremony with assistance from Post 66 on Wednesday, September 11th. There will be two students from the Boys & Girls State program presenting remarks. The program begins at 8:00 a.m. (see flyer at the back of this newsletter)

October brings the Project Heroes bicycle riders, who will be stopping for lunch at the Post. There will be more information to come, but we hope to have Post members there to welcome them with open arms. The Post will be hosting a dinner in honor of the students who participated in the Boys & Girls State and Auxilliary Girls State programs. Invitation only.

If there is anyone who would like to make baby blankets or lap blankets, please let me know. The finished blankets will be given to ALPHA for distribution. Also, anyone interested in helping with the Monday night social dinners, please let Kitchen Manager, Betty Bristol know.

Laurie Richards,

Auxiliary President, Unit 66

From the Sons of the Legion:

Hello all Sons and Legion Members,

Happy end of Summer! The next Son's meeting will be on Monday, September 2nd at the Legion. Hope to see you there.

Bobby Evenson

Sons Commander

Posts from



Member Orientation Videos

By Rick Pushies

The Post 66 American Legion Family strives to be friendly to each other and our guests. A good understanding of the who, what, when, where, why and how of how our Post 66 American Legion Family works together as a family, helps us work together better and this makes it easier for Post 66 to be a happy family. Our Membership Orientation Videos are a good place to start our journey of understanding. When Post 66 is a friendly place to visit, our Legion Family members are happier.

We hope our Member Orientation Videos, Part One and Part Two, will be watched by everyone in our American Legion Family. Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to generate the audio was an especially interesting part of the video development.

Our Member Orientation Videos are considered so important, that we have agreed to give (bribe) every member who completes both Part 1 and Part 2, of our Member Orientation Videos with a Post 66 logo lapel pin and a free dinner at a Monday Night Social (A \$10 value!). So far, no one has taken us up on this offer, but it will still be good for a while longer. Don't miss out!

To collect these rewards, please complete our REWARD FORM on the video webpage to receive your Post 66 logo lapel pin and free dinner.

Remember, the most important things in The American Legion are not things.

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

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 Filippo
 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 - Roger Janukus
 Post Service Officer - David Glidden
 Sergeant at Arms - Vacant
 Sergeant at Arms Assistant - Vacant

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September Schedule of Events:

- 9/2** - Monday Night Social - 4:30pm. Chicken Pot Pie, salad, & dessert.
- Sons Mtg. 6:00pm
- 9/4** - Auxiliary Mtg. 5:00pm
Membership Mtg. 6:30pm
- 9/6** - Friday Night Social - 4:30pm. Bar Open to members and guests.
Games & pool table available.
- 9/9** - Monday Night Social - 4:30pm. Spaghetti, salad and dessert.
- 9/11** - **Patriots Day.** Membership BBQ - 4:30pm. Dinner served at
6:30pm. Barbecued Chicken, beans, salad, garlic bread, cake
- 9/13** - Friday Night Social - 4:30pm. Games & pool table available.
- 9/16** - Monday Night Social - 4:30pm. Pulled Pork sandwiches, chips,
salad, and dessert.
- 9/20** - Executive Committee Meeting - 3:30pm.
Friday Night Social - 4:30pm. Bar Open to members and guests.
Games & pool table available.
- 9/23** - Monday Night Social - 4:30pm. Meatloaf, mashed potatoes,
salad & dessert.
- 9/27** - Friday Night Social - 4:30pm. Bar Open to members and guests.
Games & pool table available.
- 9/30** - Monday Night Social - 4:30pm. Potluck! Bring a favorite dish to
share!

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 BARBECUE DRIVE-THRU!

**This fundraiser is to support the American Legion
Post 66 Medical Equipment Program**

**We provide re-furbished mobility scooters,
walkers, wheelchairs and other equipment;
in addition to occasional emergency financial**

**PRE-ORDER A FAMILY DINNER FOR FOUR
AND PICK UP YOUR MEAL ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024
FROM 1 - 4pm**

\$65

Dinner includes:

**Whole Tri-Tip, beans, loaf of garlic bread
and salad for four people**

PRE-ORDERS ONLY!

**CALL (805) 459-4015 OR (805) 295-3190
TO PLACE YOUR ORDER BEFORE THE**

WORLD TRADE CENTER MEMORIAL CEREMONY

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

8:00AM-9:30AM

OPENING COMMENTS AT 8:30AM

FIRE STATION #1

2160 SANTA BARBARA AVE

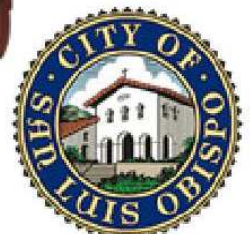
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA

This yearly Memorial ceremony provides an opportunity for the community to pay their respects to the men and women on public safety's front lines.

The City of San Luis Obispo's 9/11 Memorial commemorates the lives of those first responders who perished on that fateful morning of September 11, 2001 and provides visitors with the opportunity to learn more about the men and women who sacrificed their lives so that others may live.

The centerpiece of the Memorial ground is an I-beam from the World Trade Center. Surrounding this steel, each of the 403 vertical rods represents one of the emergency responders whose life was lost on this tragic day; communicating the scale of human loss.

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



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