



The American Legion Oxnard Post 48

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Mike Vivenzio

From the New Commander:

Greeting Comrades,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt sorrow for the unexpected passing our beloved Commander Steve Weber; he will truly be missed.

For those that may be wondering what will become of our Post, I would like to reassure you that our post is in good hands, and we are working diligently to continue and build upon what our past commanders have accomplished. Moving forward we will be focusing on the following:

Membership. Membership is the key to our continued success. Without membership strength, our voices will be weak. We need to be at least 500 hundred strong by 2026.

Finding a more suitable home for our Post to get back to serious business and growth.

Training new and upcoming leaders to take on the roles necessary for continued growth and success.

Lastly, to continue to cultivate an environment of respect and cooperation across the entire legion family; the Legion, Women's Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Riders; simply put, 1 cohesive family!

We hold our monthly meetings at the Eagles Aerie in South Oxnard on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 pm. We would love to see our meeting overflowing with members.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by email at: cdr_oxnard48@yahoo.com or call me at (805) 797-0872.

Mike Vivenzio

Post Commander



Commander's email– Cdr_oxnard48@yahoo.com

Cdr's Ph- (805) 797-0872

LADIES AUXILIARY

ROSEMARY WEBER

I would like to thank all of our members who have renewed every year, to help support our American Legion Family at Post 48. Even though we do not have a building of our own, we still manage to meet every month for meetings, communicate with our members, and officers, keep active in our community, and support our programs for our veterans and their families. We would love to have more of our members get involved, if you can.

Recently, we helped our sister Auxiliary at Camarillo post 741 host a Baby Shower for our active duty military wives. They had food and games, and all the expecting mothers so many great items for their future little ones. We are so proud and happy to be able to share this event with our military.

We just completed the first phase of our Girls State program. We have picked 4 amazing high school juniors from 4 of our high schools, and they are getting prepared to spend a very fun and educational week in Sacramento in June. This program would not be possible without the hard work and time of our ladies, who had to go through to interview over 20 juniors to only pick 4. Thanks to all of our generous supporters for their donations, and financial support, in order for this program to be possible every year.

May is Poppy Month! We will be sending our annual Poppy Letter to all of our Post families. Hoping that, when you receive it, you and your family will wear the Poppies proudly, in showing your support in honoring our Veterans for their unselfish service to our country.

Rosemary Weber

American Legion, Oxnard Post 48 President



If you have any questions or information about our
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 48,
please call 805 218 1407 or email, Rweber48@aol.com

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Vahid Jafroodi

To all Chapter 48 American legion Riders. I hope this letter finds you in good spirt and health. I'm writing this to let you know that we're still very active within the community and we plan to continue to stay strong for years to come.

I urge all members to get more involved. We and the community of veterans need your support. Whether it's volunteering to be a part of our executive team or going on our dinner rides or just showing up to our meetings, once a month.

Our meetings are held every first Sunday of the month at 1030 am located at the Eagles Lodge 4684 Saviers Rd, Oxnard, CA 93033.

I'm trying very hard to carry the torch for Chapter 48. I can only do this with your continued support if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me directly at (805) 207-6781.

Vahid Jafroodi Director

American legion Riders, Chapter 48

Oxnard, California



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Wolfgang Burke

Summer greetings fellow SAL members.

There is a possibility that we may get a booth at the Strawberry Festival this year. If so, we will need people to staff it. Please consider volunteering if this becomes a reality. (Info forthcoming)

Mays meeting is on the 8th @ pizza man Dans 6:30. This is also our final nominations for officers, so make sure you're there.

Thank you.

Wolfgang Burke

SAL Commander

(805) 665-8271





It is our sad duty to report that the Commander of our Post 48
has been called from our midst.

- ♦ **Comrade Steven Weber** has gone to the Commander of us all in Post Everlasting. His dedication, hard work, and many hours he selflessly gave to the Legion we will forever be grateful for.
- ♦ He will truly be missed.

May He Rest In Peace.



Boys & Girls State

Rick Gutierrez

During the month of February and March of this year members of our post, conducted two interviews at Channel Island, and Pacifica high schools, seeking out delegates to represent our post to attend the 2024 boys and girls state program.

After conducting the interview panel we are pleased to identify the selected two delegates from Channel Island High School, and two from Pacifica High School that proudly represented Post 48 at the California Boys and Girls State Program in Sacramento.



Channel Islands High School



Pacifica High School



Rio Mesa High School

Last Year (2023) our post was able to get a booth at the Point Mugu Air Show. Of course, it is now called **Naval Base Ventura County**. It was a wonderful opportunity (our only opportunity) to make some money for our Post.

We had a good turnout from all of our entities; Legion, Auxiliary, Riders, and Sons. We hope that we will be that lucky again once it returns.

We are also pursuing possibilities to get a booth at this years Strawberry Festival.

Mugu Air Show 2023



Wreaths Across America

Craig Haskins, 1st Vice Cdr

These past few years **Oxnard Post 48** have been invited to participate in the **Wreaths Across America** program organized by the **Daughters of the American Revolution**. Our Commander, Steven Weber, filled the position of Master of Ceremonies each of these times.

It has been an honor to be a part of this worthy endeavor, to place a wreath on the graves of our veterans. Please consider joining us each early December in putting on this ceremony.

In your service,

Craig Haskins

1st Vice Commander

Oxnard Post 48



FUN DOUGH

Loretta Nicholson

Next meeting is May10th at the Grace Bible Church 936 W. 5th St. Oxnard from 9:30 to 11:30AM

Please bring family or friends.

Look for the next Shopping for Fun Dough newsletter, it will give you the color for the day. If you find the mystery word and tell them what it is at the next meeting, it means \$50,000 in fun dough.

We are still collection 12 count egg cartons and grocery bags for Food Share. For the Shelter Care Resources, we are collecting unused hygiene products. washcloths, small towels,

Save all your receipts and turn them in. All the sponsors speak at the meetings and can be reached by phone. They are all so very informative.

See you at the next meeting.

Loretta Nicholson
Treasurer ALA
805 983-0418



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- ◆ **Please support these sponsors and turn in your receipts to Loretta Nicholson!**

Post 48 Caps—Available



**Post 48
Oxnard, CA**

Custom Legion Cap - Black Solid With adjustable band: \$24.95



**Squadron 48
Oxnard, CA**

Custom SAL Cap - Navy Solid
With adjustable band: \$24.95



**No Post or
City Designation**

Gold Scrambled Eggs Cap - Black
Solid With adjustable band: \$15.95



Also available are a few new and “gently” used men’s and ladies Legionnaire Garrison Caps. For all items, please inquire about the types, sizes on-hand and prices at: cdr_oxnard48@yahoo.com

Available from our post Officers!

American Legion Oxnard Post 48 Centennial Coins.

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\$10 donation each

IF YOU HAVE AN ISSUE IN YOUR LIFE...

...that is focused on possible suicide please be aware that there are people who are available to help **YOU** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, *please call one of these toll free numbers:*

(800) 273-8255

(National Suicide Prevention Lifeline For the Veterans Crises Line, **Press 1**)

(877) 727-4747

(Ventura County Suicide Prevention Center Crises Line)

PTSD Awareness (copy and paste website)

<https://www.ptsd.va.gov/>



Take the mystery out of PTSD, learn what it is, who is affected, and how treatment can help. Discover ways to get help.

Give support. Get support. You can make a difference today in someone's life. For many people, it can be hard to reach out for help.

Spread the word to help raise awareness of PTSD and its effective treatments. Reach out to your friends, family, and others in your community.

POST 48 STAFF LEADERSHIP 2023–2024

Post Officers

Commander: Mike Vivenzio

1st VC: Craig Haskins

2nd VC: Ernie Eglin

Adjutant: Michele Two-Coats

Asst Adj: Craig Haskins

Finance: Mike Vivenzio

Asst Fin: Ernie Eglin

Chaplain: Bill Winter

Historian: Rick Gutierrez

Sgt. at Arms: James Johnson

Service Off: Jorge Iglesias

Judge Adv.: Dave Forney

Jr. Past Cdr. Steve Weber –RIP

Post Executive Committee

1st yr.: James Johnson

Dale Dean

Mike Vivenzio

2nd yr.: Michele Two-Coats

Rick Gutierrez

Greg Diaz

Legion Riders Officers

Director: Vahid Jafroodi

1st Vice Dir: Kevin White

Secretary: Rosemary Weber

Finance: Jerry Pereira

Chaplain: Larry Meyers

Sgt. at Arms: Alex Velasco

Ride Coordinator: Chris Coleman

Membership: Paul Taylor

Judge Advocate: Steve Weber-RIP

Auxiliary Officers

President: Rosemary Weber

1st VP: Susan Barbee

2nd VP: Laura Iglesias

Secretary: Valerie Hussung

Treasurer: Loretta Nicholson

Chaplain: Heather Ascencion

Sgt at Arms:

Marshall:

Historian:

Parliamentarian:

Jr Past Pres.: Guinevere Heath

ALA Executive Board

Amanda Aviles

Susan Ventura

Bonni Wright

S.A.L. Officers

Commander: Wolfgang Burke

1st VC: Mike Vivenzio

2nd VC: Edward Castruita

Adjutant: Felix Salazar

Finance: Richard Cisneros

Sgt. at Arms: Larry Meyers

S.A.L. Executive Committee

Commander: Larry Meyers

Jr. Past Cdr: Brian Blackler

Sqdrn. Advisor: Mike Vivenzio

