



October 2026

American Legion Post 136 Arroyo Grande, CA
(805) 481-9444

“Serving the community and veterans since April 1, 1926”

Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm. Dinner at 6:00pm. Come down and join us!

FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER:

Comrades,

September has been an active and productive month at our post. I hope each of you had the opportunity to stop in and enjoy the facility that *you* help sustain. Across the nation, many veterans are losing the privilege of having a place they can truly call their own as municipalities assume control of long-standing posts. We are fortunate to have our own facility—but maintaining it requires your continued involvement and support. If you enjoy chess, cribbage, mahjong, dominoes, or would like to participate in a book club, we invite you to meet here at the post. Your presence brings life to this building and strengthens the community it represents. Stop in, enjoy a refreshment, and let us know how you can help the post thrive. Bring a friend or make a new one.

On **October 22nd**, we will hold a post cleanup beginning at **10:30 AM**, followed by lunch. We will also retire unserviceable flags that day. Monday Night Football continues each week with Ric's famous hot wings, and I encourage you to check our Facebook page regularly for updates on all upcoming events. I want to extend my sincere appreciation to all our volunteers who keep this post running. Please offer an extra thank-you to **Laverne and Ward** for their dedicated management of the bar and lounge. Their commitment requires tremendous time and effort, and your support means a great deal. If you can lend a hand, please let them know.

Roots of Americanism – Part II

A foundational belief carried by many early Christian settlers—particularly the Pilgrims—was that mankind is naturally inclined toward wrongdoing. This conviction shaped the emerging political philosophy of the colonies and influenced the development of our system of government. The Pilgrims' strong emphasis on education and the establishment of schools and colleges helped ensure their views had lasting impact. Yet, to fully understand the roots of American political thought, we must also consider the major historical events that shaped the worldview of those who settled here.

One such event was the **Thirty Years' War (1618–1648)**. While often described primarily as a religious conflict tied to the Protestant Reformation, it was equally a struggle over the unchecked power of monarchs. The Peace of Westphalia ended Habsburg attempts to centralize authority and granted sovereignty to more than 300 independent states. Combined with the devastation of the bubonic plague, the war left central Europe shattered for generations. At its conclusion, princes found it necessary to disarm their subjects to prevent populist uprisings—an early example of rulers fearing the consequences of absolute power.

Another major influence was the **English Civil Wars (1642–1651)**. Tensions began in 1629 when Charles I dissolved Parliament and imposed unpopular taxes, including naval levies on inland counties, forced loans, the

sale of monopolies, and outdated forest-law fines. His marriage to a Catholic and the introduction of "Catholic-like" practices in the Anglican Church further alienated Puritans. Ultimately, the central cause of the conflict was the king's claim of divine rights, the belief that he could rule without consulting Parliament. These events shaped the political mindset carried to the colonies: a deep skepticism of concentrated power and a conviction that liberty requires vigilance, participation, and accountability.

For God and Country,

Dean Castellino,
American Legion Post 136 Commander

Membership Meeting is Tuesday, October 13th at 7pm.
Dinner will be served at 6pm. Cost: \$5.00
Menu: Green enchilada casserole, Beans, Rice, Chips, Salsa and Desert
Sign up at the hall or call 805-481-9444 for head count.

FROM THE DESK OF THE 1st VICE COMMANDER:

Comrades,

Thanks to all that helped with setup/tear down and manning at this year's Harvest Festival booth. Donations were made, raffle tickets were sold and hopefully we made contact with some potential new members.

Yours in comradeship,
Raechelle Anderson,
American Legion Post 136 1st Vice Commander

RIDER NEWS:

Meetings are the **1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm**. Come down and join us!

2027 membership cards are now available. Pay before October 31st and get an early bird stamp and free dinner at November Post meeting.

Don't forget Hogfest Poker Run and BBQ on Oct 3rd. Registration starts at 9:30, BBQ at 1:30 and raffle at 2:30. Poker Run and BBQ \$35 and BBQ only \$20.

Yours in comradeship,
Rik Rontel,
American Legion Post 136 Riders Director

SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION NEWS:

Meetings are the **3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm**. Come down and join us!

2027 membership cards are now available. Pay before October 31st and get an early bird stamp and free dinner at November Post meeting.

On Saturday September 12th our Sons' members prepared lunch for the District 16 meeting. The meeting was very successful. Thanks to all who participated and helped.

Yours in comradeship,
Channing Scudder,
Sons of American Legion Post 136 Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS:

Hello, Happy Autumn members of the auxiliary.

Fall is definitely in the air. Shorter days, less daylight and yet we are still enjoying our beautiful coastal weather. We started off the month of September with our Post hosting the District 16 meeting on September 12. We ladies were asked to do the breakfast and I was told we had "one of the best breakfasts this district has had in a long time". I was so proud! You decorated, wrapped, baked, prepared fruit and served! My heartfelt thanks to: Loura Graham, Sheryl Hansen-Farnsworth, Laverne Johansen, Sandy Novoa, Amy Nesbit, Nancy Sabo, Yolanda Schultz, Marcia Thornton and Mary Tigh. And, we made \$96.

On September 15-17, my husband Gene participated in this year's Central Coast Honor Flight 25 along with Dan Jimenez from our Post. They shared a truly memorable and emotional experience. See pictures. If any of you have a spouse, family member or eligible veteran friend, please encourage them to apply for this honor sponsored by Welcome Home Heroes.

I just received my membership renewal form for 2027 in the mail yesterday, so I believe you should be getting yours as well. Please return your payment of \$40 in the envelope provided to Laverne Johansen. If you pay by October 31, you will get an early bird stamp on your membership card and a free dinner! Laverne will also have you cards available at the October meeting and you can pay her that evening and pick up your card.

Our next dinner/meeting is October 13 with Amy and Sheryl hosting desserts. See you all then.

Madie Leek,
American Legion Post 136 Auxiliary President

POST EVERLASTING:

I'd like to introduce myself as your Temporary Chaplain. I'm Ward Johansen, I'll be filling in until a Permanent Chaplain can be installed, my number is [\(805\) 440-4116](tel:8054404116). If you are in need of services from a Post Chaplain, please contact me. If interested in a Flag Line for a fallen member, contact me. If we have lost a member, please contact me so that we can send condolences to the fallen member's family.

It is with great regret that we inform you that past post commander and Rider Joe Naylor and post member and WWII veteran Al Hicks have been called to serve as members of Post Everlasting.

Keep their families and them in your thoughts and prayers. May they rest in peace.

SICK CALL:

Nothing to report this month.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

We need you. Legion dues are \$65; Auxiliary are \$40 and Sons \$35. Your dues help support benefits for veterans, youth and community projects. Unpaid 2026 member dues are still being accepted. 2027 early bird payments started in July with free dinner for early bird stamp on membership cards at November dinner.

Know or meet a veteran, bring him or her to the post for support and hopefully to become a member. Be the ONE.

Around the Post:

From the BAR:

Upcoming Events at the Post Bar:

Monday Night Football continues in the bar every Monday. The Post will be hosting watch parties with drink

specials and .50 cent Buffalo Wings. That's right .50 cent wings. (drink specials for members only). Don't miss out. It's going to be a HOOT!!! See you there! PS Team apparel is welcomed.

Holiday Veteran Honor Flag BBQ:

We need help setting up, working and cleaning up at the Honor Flag BBQ. Set up 7-10:30am. Working 10:30am to 2:30pm. Clean up 2:30pm to 4:00pm. Hope to see you there.

Boys and Girls State:

Nothing to report.

EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thu Oct 1, 2026

All month Breast Cancer Awareness Month

8am - 9:30am Post clean up

6:30pm - 9:30pm Darts

Fri Oct 2, 2026

All day RED Shirt Fridays -Remember Everyone Deployed

6:30pm - 10pm Open Pool League

Sat Oct 3, 2026

9:30am – 3:30pm Hogfest Poker Run and BBQ

Sun Oct 4, 2026

All day Lounge Closed

Mon Oct 5, 2026

5pm - 8pm MNF - Falcons vs Saints

6pm - 7pm BCA Pool League

Tue Oct 6, 2026

7pm - 8:30pm Post Riders Meeting

Wed Oct 7, 2026

6pm - 7pm Post E-Board Meeting

Thu Oct 8, 2026

8am - 9:30am Post clean up

6:30pm - 9:30pm Darts

Fri Oct 9, 2026

All day RED Shirt Fridays -Remember Everyone Deployed

6:30pm - 10pm Open Pool League

Sat Oct 10, 2026

7:00am – 10:30am BBQ set up

10:30am – 2:30pm Honor Flag Fundraiser BBQ

2:30pm – 4:00pm BBQ clean up

All day Lounge Closed

All day San Francisco Fleet Week

11am - 2pm SLO Sub Vets

Sun Oct 11, 2026

All day San Francisco Fleet Week

All day Lounge Closed

Mon Oct 12, 2026

All day Columbus Day

5pm - 8pm MNF - Bills vs Chargers

6pm - 7pm BCA Pool League

Tue Oct 13, 2026

All day U.S. Navy Birthday

- 7pm Post Monthly Meeting Dinner

7pm - 9pm Post General Membership Meeting

Wed Oct 14, 2026

6pm - 11pm APA Pool League
 Thu Oct 15, 2026
 9am - 10am Post Breakfast
 6:30pm - 9:30pm Darts
 Fri Oct 16, 2026
 All day RED Shirt Fridays -Remember Everyone Deployed
 6:30pm - 10pm Open Pool League
 Sat Oct 17, 2026
 All day Lounge Closed
 Sun Oct 18, 2026
 All day Lounge Closed
 Mon Oct 19, 2026
 5pm - 8pm MNF - Commanders vs 49ers
 6pm - 7pm BCA Pool League
 Tue Oct 20, 2026
 7pm - 8:30pm Post Sal Meeting
 Wed Oct 21, 2026
 6pm - 11pm APA Pool League
 Thu Oct 22, 2026
 8am - 9:30am Post clean up
 6:30pm - 9:30pm Darts
 Fri Oct 23, 2026
 All day RED Shirt Fridays -Remember Everyone Deployed
 6:30pm - 10pm Open Pool League
 Sat Oct 24, 2026
 All day Lounge Closed
 Sun Oct 25, 2026
 All day Lounge Closed
 Mon Oct 26, 2026
 All day National Day of the Deployed
 5pm - 8pm MNF - Cowboys vs Eagles
 6pm - 7pm BCA Pool League
 Wed Oct 28, 2026
 6pm - 11pm APA Pool League
 Thu Oct 29, 2026
 8am - 9:30am Post clean up
 6:30pm - 9:30pm Darts
 Fri Oct 30, 2026
 All day RED Shirt Fridays -Remember Everyone Deployed
 6:30pm - 10pm Open Pool League
 Sat Oct 31, 2026
 All day Lounge Closed

District 16 participants 9-11 observance



District 16 meeting held at Post



Comedy night fun



Monday Night Football and wings



Membership and Yeti Raffel drive at AG Harvest Festival



**Brian 'Big-B' Anderson and Joe 'Tailgunner' Shultz leaving HOGFEST and
POKER RUN flyers at American Legion Post 534 in Orcutt**



Passing out HOGFEST flyers with Welcome Home Military Heroes at Veterans Home in Arroyo Grande



Central Coast local Honor Flight



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MEMBERSHIP HAS
ITS BENEFITS!

★ 2026 ★ MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	MATCHUP	TIME / TV
1	SEPT 14	@	5:15 PM ET <i>ESPN</i>
2	SEPT 21	@	5:15 PM ET <i>ESPN</i>
3	SEPT 28	@	5:15 PM ET <i>ESPN</i>
4	OCT 5	@	5:15 PM ET <i>ESPN</i>
5	OCT 12	@	5:15 PM ET <i>ESPN</i>
6	OCT 19	@	5:15 PM ET <i>ESPN</i>
7	OCT 26	@	5:15 PM ET <i>ESPN</i>
8	NOV 2	@	5:15 PM ET <i>ESPN</i>
9	NOV 9	@	5:15 PM ET <i>ESPN</i>
10	NOV 16	@	5:15 PM ET <i>ESPN</i>
11	NOV 23	@	5:15 PM ET <i>ESPN</i>
12	NOV 30	@	5:15 PM ET <i>ESPN</i>
13	DEC 7	@	5:15 PM ET <i>ESPN</i>
14	DEC 14	@	5:15 PM ET <i>ESPN</i>
15	DEC 21	@	5:15 PM ET <i>ESPN</i>
16	DEC 28	@	5:15 PM ET <i>ESPN</i>
17	JAN 4	@	5:15 PM ET <i>ESPN</i>

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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HOGFEST

A TRADITION SINCE 2013

SAT. OCT. 3RD.

 **POKER RUN -**  **REGISTRATION 9:30 AM**

 **PIG ROAST -** 

 **RAFFLES / 50/50 -** 

FULL EVENT (POKER RUN & BBQ) - \$35
BBQ ONLY - \$20

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Last card at post by 1:00.

Best hand \$150

Worst hand \$50

Food served at 1:30

Raffle drawings at 2:30

417 Orchard St

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Come and support American Legion Post 136
in their Honor Flags for Veterans fundraiser BBQ
to raise money to purchase Christmas Honor Flags
for the nearly 2,200 Veterans buried at
Arroyo Grande Cemetery.

We are transitioning from Christmas wreaths to Honor
Flags due to the high cost of wreaths. We want to continue
honoring our veterans with reusable Honor Flags during
the Christmas season. Please help us accomplish our goal
of honoring all veterans buried at the Arroyo Grande
Cemetery.

STEAK SANDWICH LUNCH

INCLUDES:
Steak Sandwich,
Chips, and a Drink

SUGGESTED
DONATION
\$17

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 10, 2026
10:30AM – 2:30PM**

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(Please write Honor Flag in the memo line).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT:**
Joe Martinez
805-896-2071

AMERICAN LEGION POST 136



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★ RAFFLE PRIZE INCLUDES: ★

- ★ YETI® Roadie 24 Hard Cooler
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Supporting Mighty Oaks Veterans Rehabilitation Program
- ★ Freedom Fighter Wine Glasses (2) & Freedom Fighter Shirt
- ★ American Legion Post 136 Hat & Long-Sleeved Shirt
- ★ American Quilt
provided by the Quilting Angels of the Central Coast
- ★ Local Items and more!

★ TICKETS: ★

\$5 EACH

★ ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
AMERICAN LEGION POST 136
AND OUR VETERANS & COMMUNITY



DRAWING DATE:

OCTOBER 13TH



DRAWING LOCATION:

AMERICAN LEGION HALL IN AG

Need not be present to win.

HONORING VETERANS. SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

2025/2026 Officers

Unit 136 Auxiliary:

Madie Leek, President
Marcia Thorton, 1st Vice President
Open, 2nd Vice President
Nancy Sabo, Secretary
Laverne Johansen, Treasurer
Sandy Novoa, Sgt. at Arms
Marcia Thorton, Chaplain
Rosie Nunes, Chaplin
Open, Member At-Large
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American Legion Post 136:

Dean Castellino, Commander
Raechelle Anderson, 1st Vice Cdr.
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Rusty Hobbs, Service Officer
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Glenn Wilson, Sgt. at Arms
Joe Knudsen, 1st Yr. Exec. Comm.
Kevin Farage, 2nd Yr. Exec. Comm.
Daniel Jimenez, 3rd Yr. Exec. Comm.
Marshall Anderson, Past Commander.

Post 136 Riders:

Rik Rontel, Director
Frank Garcia, Vice Director
Curt Lineese, Secretary
Louie Nunes, Treasurer
Michael Payne, Sgt. at Arms
Ward Johansen, Chaplain
Brian Anderson, Historian
Pat Smith, Road Captain

Sons of the American Legion:

Channing Scudder, Commander
Damien Scudder, 1st Vice Cdr. & JA
Tony Lazarich, 2nd Vice Cdr.
Rik Rontal, Finance Officer
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