

PROUD PATRIOT

November 2026

American Legion Post 136 417 Orchard Street Arroyo Grande, CA
(805) 481-9444

"Serving the community and veterans since April 1, 1926"

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

FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER:

Comrades,

We had a very busy October with the Riders Hog Fest, the BBQ fundraiser for the Veteran Honor Banners, Monday Night Football and hot wings, and all the regular activities at the Post. I hope you have had an opportunity to stop by and enjoy the hospitality our Post provides. And don't forget to renew your membership if you haven't already done so.

I hope to see you at the Army Navy Game on December 12th. Kickoff is at noon, and we'll have plenty of grub and beverages available at reasonable prices.

We are still looking for volunteers to fill several key positions. Please let us know how you can help keep the Post active, vibrant, and available to serve our veteran community.

Please support our social media efforts by following and engaging with our Facebook page American Legion Post 136 Arroyo Grande. Our website has recently been upgraded and now features the newsletter, calendar, event photos, and other Post information. Visit us at aglegion.com. We have also launched an Instagram account, **@agpost136**.

You can help us grow our online presence by visiting these sites, liking and sharing our content, and helping feed the algorithm on our behalf. Most importantly, stop by the Post and say hello.

Roots of Americanism Part III

Culture is generally defined as the shared values, beliefs, customs, behaviors, traditions, language, arts, and social norms of a group of people. It influences how people live, communicate, celebrate, work, and view the world. When we speak of *Americanism*, we are largely referring to American culture. Economist Thomas Sowell, a distinguished economist, argues that the earliest colonial settlers brought with them cultural traits that continue to shape American society today.

As previously noted, the Calvinist Pilgrims settled primarily in New England, while the Society of Friends, or Quakers, established themselves mainly in Pennsylvania. Many of these settlers came from England's Midlands, Yorkshire, Lancashire, and Westmorland regions.

Virginia and Maryland were influenced by the efforts of Sir William Berkeley, who encouraged educated members of the English gentry to settle in the colonies. Although this group was relatively small, it wielded significant influence. Their numbers, however, were greatly exceeded by indentured servants who also migrated to these colonies.

North Carolina received settlers from Virginia and Barbados.. English colonists from the West Indies played an important role in introducing the plantation system and African slavery to the American colonies.

Between 1715 and 1775, the backcountry, Appalachian region, and frontier areas were settled largely by Scottish Highlanders and Scotch-Irish immigrants. The Scottish Highlands had never been fully subdued by England, and Highland culture was characterized by a strong tradition of independence and military prowess.

Significant numbers of settlers also arrived from the Dutch Republic, the German states, and Sweden. These regions were among the areas most devastated by the Thirty Years' War. Dutch influence was especially strong in New Netherland, later renamed New York after the English conquest. Many Dutch, German, and Swedish settlers established communities in Pennsylvania, western Maryland, the Shenandoah Valley, and the Piedmont region of North Carolina. By the time of the American Revolution, Germans constituted the largest non-English ethnic group in the colonies.

For God and Country,

Dean Castellino,
American Legion Post 136 Commander

Membership Meeting is Tuesday, November 10th at 7pm.
Dinner will be served at 6pm. Cost: $5.00 (*Free with early bird stamp*)
Menu: Pasta, Salad, Garlic Bread and Desert
Sign up at the hall or call 805-481-9444 for head count.

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.

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 10th Post meeting.

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

AUXILIARY NEWS:

Hello, Happy Autumn members of the auxiliary.

Halloween has come and gone and we are now in the middle of autumn. Holidays are around the corner. The rain we finally experienced was most needed and delightful, except for the lightning and thunder which sent my poor puppy Cooper under the bed.

Our next fundraiser will be held on our next meeting night November 10. We are having a bake sale! All of you members who like to bake and even those who do not, are please bake or buy and bring something for us to sell. Maybe you have a favorite cake, pie, cookie, candy, bread or whatever you would like to share. Since that meeting night is also our Early Bird free dinner, we expect to have a good crowd. And, instead of our providing desserts, we will have various items for sale and for you to share (or not).

Hopefully you have all paid your 2027 dues for you to be eligible for the Early Bird dinner. The deadline to qualify was October 31 2026. Even if you still have not paid your $40.00 for 2027, come on down for dinner and pay that night. Remember, after December 31, 2026, if your 2027 dues are not paid you will be considered delinquent and will lose your Post privileges. Please don't let that happen!

Commander Dean has said that we may or may not have a December regular meeting due to the Christmas Party which will be held on Saturday December 19 (see attached flyer for details). That decision will be made at the Post E Board meeting on November 4. We will have an answer by our next regular meeting on November 10.

May you all have a blessed and grateful Thanksgiving!

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. 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.

SICK CALL:

Nothing to report this month.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

We need you. Legion dues are $65; Auxiliary are $40 and Sons $30. 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:

E-board Meeting:

E-board meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 November at 6pm instead of on Wednesday 4 November for this month only.

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.

Honor Flags Fundraiser:
Honor Flag BBQ fundraiser was a big success. We made over $2700 profit in sales and small donations. We also received a donation of $2300 from Kosch-Westerman Foundation and $500 from Granite Inc. Thank you to everyone that helped set up, cook (Kevin and Joe K), make and serve meals (Glenn, Sandy, Laura, and Marcia), collect money (Jess and Louie), and takedown. We had a lot of people help and I apologize if I didn't mention you by name but thank you. It was a great event with lots of exposure for Post 136.

Veteran News:

Central Coast Veterans Memorial Museum Closure, assistance needed. Told to temporally vacate due to building upgrades. To offer financial assistance, storage space, volunteer support please contact (805)543-1763 or email presidentccvmm@gmail.com.

Veteran day discounts: Chipotle, Denny's, Golden Coral, In-N-Out-Burger, Starbucks and Little Ceasars. Please tip and thank them for supporting veterans. Also, Kohl's, Tractor Supply Company and Walgrens will be offering 20% off. Please thank them for there support.

Boys and Girls State:
Nothing new to report.

NOVEMBER EVENTS AND DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sun Nov 1, 2026
- All day Lounge Closed
- All day National Veterans & Military Family Month
- All day Warrior Care Month

Mon Nov 2, 2026
- 5pm - 8pm MNF - Bears vs Sea Hawks
- 6pm - 7pm BCA Pool League

Tue Nov 3, 2026
- All day Election Day - Get Out and Vote
- **6pm - 7pm Post E-Board Meeting**
- 7pm - 8:30pm Post Riders Meeting

Wed Nov 4, 2026
- 6:30pm - 9pm Knights of Columbus Veterans Dinner at St. Patrick's Hall (RSVP)

Thu Nov 5, 2026
- 8:30am - 10am Post clean up
- 11am - 2pm Santa Maria Elks Veterans Mini Standdown
- 6:30pm - 9:30pm Darts

Fri Nov 6, 2026
- All day RED Shirt Fridays -Remember Everyone Deployed
- 6:30pm - 10pm Open Pool League

Sat Nov 7, 2026
- All day Lounge Closed
- 8:30am - 12pm Veterans Pancake Breakfast and Resource Fair - Pismo Beach Lions Club
- 4pm - 7pm Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner (Veterans free tickets in Bar) -St Paul's Parish Hall

Sun Nov 8, 2026
- All day Lounge Closed

Mon Nov 9, 2026
- All day Buddy Check Week (American Legion outreach week)
- 5pm - 8pm MNF - Buffalo vs Vikings
- 6pm - 7pm BCA Pool League

Tue Nov 10, 2026
- All day American Legion Auxiliary Birthday
- All day Marine Corps Birthday (251st Anniversary)
- 11am - 1pm Marine Corp Birthday and Veteran Day Santa Maria VA Clinic

6pm - 7pm Post Monthly Meeting Dinner
7pm - 9pm Post General Membership Meeting
Wed Nov 11, 2026
All day Armistice/Remembrance Day
All day Veterans Day
12pm - 5pm 26th Annual Veterans Day BBQ – Veterans Memorial Building Santa Maria,CA
6pm - 11pm APA Pool League
Thu Nov 12, 2026
8:30am - 10am Post clean up
6:30pm - 9:30pm Darts
Fri Nov 13, 2026
All day RED Shirt Fridays -Remember Everyone Deployed
6:30pm - 10pm Open Pool League
Sat Nov 14, 2026
All day Hall Rental
All day Lounge Closed
11am - 2pm SLO Sub Vets
Sun Nov 15, 2026
All day Lounge Closed
Mon Nov 16, 2026
5pm - 8pm MNF - Chargers vs Ravens
6pm - 7pm BCA Pool League
Tue Nov 17, 2026
6pm - 9pm Hall Rental
7pm - 8:30pm Post Sal Meeting
Wed Nov 18, 2026
6pm - 11pm APA Pool League
Thu Nov 19, 2026
8:30am - 10am Post clean up
9am - 10am Post Breakfast
4pm – 6pm Veteran Wellness Event - Veterans Memorial Building San Luis Obispo
6:30pm - 9:30pm Darts
Fri Nov 20, 2026
All day RED Shirt Fridays -Remember Everyone Deployed
6:30pm - 10pm Open Pool League
Sat Nov 21, 2026
All day Hall Rental
All day Lounge Closed
Sun Nov 22, 2026
All day Lounge Closed
Mon Nov 23, 2026
5pm - 8pm MNF - Bengals vs Commanders
6pm - 7pm BCA Pool League
Wed Nov 25, 2026
6pm - 11pm APA Pool League
Thu Nov 26, 2026
All day Thanksgiving
6:30pm - 9:30pm Darts
Fri Nov 27, 2026
All day RED Shirt Fridays -Remember Everyone Deployed
6:30pm - 10pm Open Pool League
Sat Nov 28, 2026
All day Lounge Closed
Sun Nov 29, 2026
All day Lounge Closed
Mon Nov 30, 2026
5pm - 8pm MNF - Jaguars vs Buccaneers
6pm - 7pm BCA Pool League

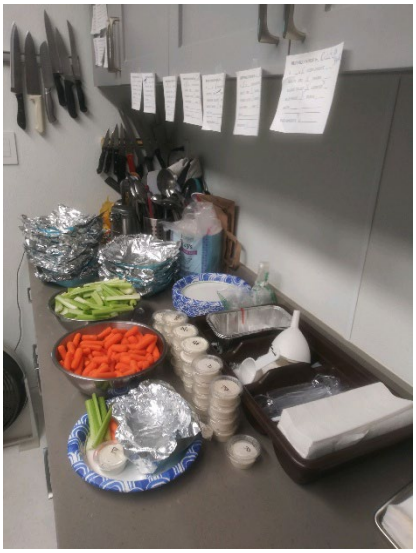
Monday Night Football and wings









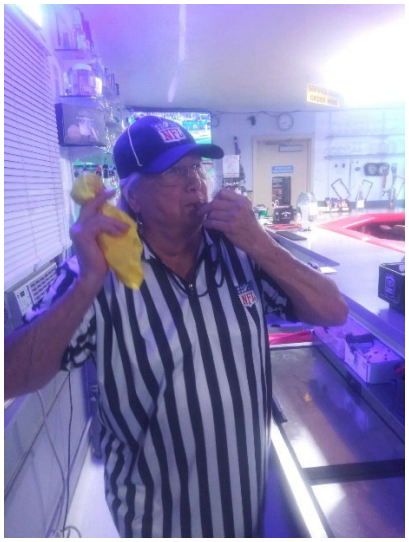




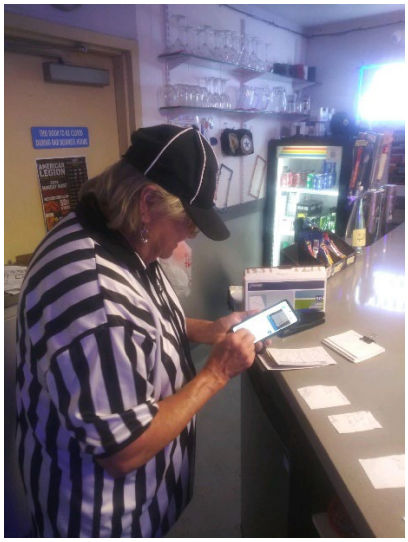














Honor Flag BBQ Fundraiser











Kosch-Westerman Foundation donates $2,300 for Honor Flags

Thursday Clean Up Crew Retiring Flags



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★ 2026 ★ MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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Contact Hannah Wright for
more details: (805) 540-4198
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TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2026

FOOD AND GIVEAWAYS
FROM 11AM TO 1PM IN THE LOBBY



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Formerly Known As Voluntary Service at (805) 354-6004
For More Information

TREATS WILL BE PROVIDED

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TO ALL WHO SERVED

VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8:30AM-11AM
RESOURCE FAIR 8:30AM-12PM

LOCATION: PISMO BEACH CITIES LIONS CLUB
202 ADDIE STREET, PISMO BEACH

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FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR VETERANS
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CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:00 PM

5:00–6:00 PM COCKTAILS
6:00–7:00 PM POTLUCK DINNER
AFTER DINNER LIVE AUCTION & GIFT EXCHANGE

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GIFT EXCHANGE

Bring one wrapped gift valued at approximately $25 per person to participate.

PLEASE SIGN UP

Sign up at the Legion bar if you plan to attend, and let us know which potluck side dish you'll bring.

SIGN-UP DEADLINE: DECEMBER 10

AMERICAN LEGION HALL
417 Orchard Street • Arroyo Grande



2025/2026 Officers

Unit 136 Auxiliary:
Madie Leek, President
Marcia Thorton, 1st Vice President
Open, 2nd Vice President
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Laverne Johansen, Treasurer
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Open, Judge Advocate
Glenn Wilson, Sgt. at Arms
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Rachelle Anderson, Past Commander.

Post 136 Riders:
Rik Rontel, Director
Frank Garcia, Vice Director
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Ward Johansen, Chaplain
Brian Anderson, Historian
Pat Smith, Road Captain

Sons of the American Legion:
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