



THE TIGARD POST

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Greetings

Happy New Year. I want to thank every member of post 158 for all the hard work last year. It takes a lot of support and hard work to maintain the high standards that we have come to expect from our post.

As we go into a new year be proud and hold your head high as we are one of the most stable

posts in the state and your E-Board is working hard to keep your post running strong. We have been able to keep our food and drink prices low and hope to not have any increases in the near future, however I do expect some time this year we will need to make some adjustments.

This is the first bimonthly newsletter and I want everyone to understand this is a six month trial and we will be looking for feedback from our members, if successful this will save a considerable amount of revenue that will help in staying within our budget. We have checked with some other posts that have implemented a two month newsletter and calendar with no problems.

I look forward to seeing you at our post and would like to remind everyone your opinion matters. Every one of your E-Board members is at your service. Again thank you for your support.

God bless



1st Vice
Barbara Davis

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a warm and happy holiday. In spite of the inclement weather.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made my transition to First Vice so easy. You too can do your part. Just talk about the Legion to your friends. Keep a membership form in your wallet. You may have a prime candidate living right next door.

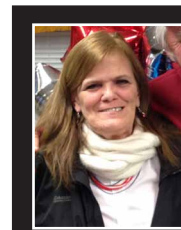
Also, we need all of those who haven't renewed to do so.



It's too late to be an early bird but never too late to pay up. The lock on the front door will change in January and you will need a paid up membership card to get the card key. See me or put your check in Bernie's box by the office door.

Thanks

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2017



2nd Vice
Susan Hughes

Well hope everyone had a great Holiday Season. A lot went on at the post the last couple of months. Hope that you could participate in some of the events.

Things are still changing starting with this newsletter. As you see, this is a 2-month newsletter - for the months of January and February. It will be full of the events for the next 2 months. If you miss or lose your 2-month calendar, you can go to the Facebook page or our brand new website which is up and running thanks to Nam Ngo. The newsletter and calendar will be on the front page.

There are is something that everyone needs to be reminded of. There has been a lot of profane language being used at the post and I know that it's getting out of hand - so bad that some members leave. We ALL need to watch OUR language. I am one of the guilty ones, and I hope everyone tries to curb this problem.

So now with some more changes at the post:

Monday Night we are going to try and do one Special item like Chili, or Stew. Raymond will also fix something special.

Legion Steak Night will be January 6th. Prime Rib will be January 16th. The price will be going up \$1.00 to \$14.00. Sign up closes on Sunday January 15th at NOON. On the 28th we will have Steak Night again.

Don't forget Bingo every Tuesday except meeting night (2nd Tuesday of each month).

IN FEBRUARY:

Our steak night is February 4th. After dinner we are having a TOGA party to celebrate Michael "MADDOG" birthday so come join the fun.

We are going to have an early Valentine's Day Dinner on the 13th with Prime Rib Dinner \$14.00. Sign p cut off is Sunday February 12th AT NOON. Our Legion Steak Night is February 25th.

The Website address is: AmericanLegion158.com

Facebook is: AmericanLegionTigardOregon

Hope to see you at the Post.
Susan Hughes



Adjutant
Bernie Healy

American Legion Legacy Scholarship

When Lisa Witt received the news that her husband Lt. Col. Witt was killed while on active duty, finances became a concern. Daughter Eva was headed to college soon. But the American Legion's Legacy Scholarship helped ease some of that financial burden and ensured that her daughter and two sons could follow in their father's footsteps of becoming lifelong learners.

The Legion's Legacy Scholarship Fund has ensured higher education is a possibility for children whose parents lost their lives while honorably serving on active duty on or after 9/11. And now children of post-9/11 veterans with a VA disability rating of 50 percent or higher are eligible to apply to the renewable scholarship. The Legacy Scholarship enabled Eva to study art a passion she shared with her father-at Xavier University in Cincinnati. "I was the first one going to college and the first one who

brought this extra financial burden to the family. By applying to The American Legion Legacy Scholarship it allowed me to study something I was passionate about and then pay for things like (art) supplies," said Eva, 25 who recently graduated with a masters in counseling and art therapy and lives in Chicago. "It was really special to be able to pursue art in higher education and be supported in a financial way to pursue that passion."

A piece of her artwork created on the day she learned of her father's passing helped earn her a spot in Xavier's art program and has become symbolic for the whole family. The painting is of a bird with what looks to be a hole in it's chest due to spilled ink caused from Eva rushing away from the painting to hear of the news.

"Birds are now an important symbol for us because they remind us of dad that flight," she said. "That for me as an artist was a very symbolic moment of that day." And just the fact that you are able to return to it because many scholarships are non-renewable." Recipients of the Legacy Scholarship may reapply up to six times for the expense of graduate or post-graduate tuition, books, room and board, meal plans, transportation and other supplies needed to achieve a higher education. "The American Legion cares so much about these that have really hard stories, that are struggling in financial ways but also with loss," Eva said. "Being able to know that the organization is not just looking at our financial need but also taking into consideration the other burdens that are on the family and hope financial support can take some of that burden off us. That was why the Legacy Scholarship was always a really important one to return to."

The American Legion offers a number of scholarships and other resources to assist young people in their pursuit of higher education. There are opportunities for everyone, including kin of wartime veterans and participants in Legion programs. To learn more go to www.legion.org



2016-2017

LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

Director - Chuck Smith
Vice Director - Tom Harris
Secretary - Angie Cearley
Treasurer - Dean Johnston
Road Captain - Jeff Boggs
Sgt at Arms - Paul Harris
Chaplain - Jim Haworth

Donations for Military Care Packages

A donation box has been placed at the Post to donate items for care packages that will be mailed to our active Military men and women wherever they are stationed. Camp Courage, a local nonprofit organization, packs and mails the boxes. Started in 2012, Camp Courage now has 10 volunteers, and has shipped over 2,700 packages worldwide.

Items to donate include:

Hygiene, stationary, snacks and entertainment items.
A suggested list of items to donate is on the donation box at the Post.

Do you know an active military member who could use a care package?

Contact Camp Courage at: www.campcourage.biz
Facebook pages: CAMP COURAGE - USMC MOMS,
CAMP COURAGE - SUPPORT
or via email at: campcouragemarines@yahoo.com

Our Post contact is Brenda Bjorndal (503) 419-7292.
Brenda is an Auxiliary member and a Camp Courage Volunteer.



Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

New Legion Members:

Donald L Sass and
Kenneth R Still PhD

New SAL Members:

Shayn O'Riley
Kyle W Spittler
and John L Hays

Welcome to Post #158!

The #158 Losers were:

Harvey A Helfenstein
Glen Shuck
David Shepherd
Kristine Michelle Pitner
Kenneth E Owen
Walt R Auffermann
Donald L Sass
Leroy A Draper
Dennis W Hearn
Loren H Mitchell
Robin D Rutis
Otto L Walls
and Aundre S Kellog

The 50/50 Winner:

Joe Bustos



Thank You Tigard American Legion Post 158

On behalf of Camp Courage - we would like to thank you for your support. Many of you have purchased marketplace items from us, donated goods, and supported us financially. We are able to do what we do because of the collective support of those within our local communities as well as those nationally who have chosen to support our efforts.

Thank you for being part of our mission which reads, "To reach as many service members as possible through the outreach of our care package projects, in an effort to express our sincerest appreciation for their selfless choice to serve our great nation". - Camp Courage

Please visit our website: www.campcourage.biz

Mai Christy, President, Camp Courage



President
Joanne Harris

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Thanksgiving Dinner at the Post was a huge success. Thanks to all of the volunteers who prepared, cooked, and served the dinner.

The Auxiliary assisted in the Post's Christmas food basket project. We help wrap the toys and fill the baskets.

Georganne and her crew prepared an outstanding dinner in December. Her Chicken and dumpling dinner was so popular we ran out of food. Thank you Georganne and your helpers for a job well done.

January 14th will be the annual Chili Cook Off. Time to show what great chili you can make as before, the cost to enter your chili will be \$5.00 and there will be prizes for the three best chilies.

The Auxiliary breakfast will be January 15th. Always the best breakfast in town. Come down and enjoy breakfast from 9 to 11AM.

January 10th is our Auxiliary meeting at 7pm. We still have some committees to fill. If you are interested in chairing any of the following committees, please come to the meeting and let me know: Historian, Children and Youth, Community Service, Leadership, Music, and Public Relations.

February 11th is the Auxiliary's valentine dinner. This will be a steak dinner with champagne, and our valentine queen selection.

The Auxiliary breakfast will be February 12th. Always the best breakfast in town. Come down and enjoy breakfast from 9 to 11AM.

Our annual Americanism dinner is February 21st. We will be honoring our Police and Firefighter of the year.

February 14th is our Auxiliary meeting at 7pm.

Joanne Harris, President



Hello Everyone:

By mid-December our membership count was 172 putting us at 62.5% of goal. That includes 18 new members (yipee!!) along with 154 renewing members. It looks like we have about 105 members that paid dues for 2016 that haven't yet paid their 2017 dues. So, if those 105 send in their 2017 dues we can achieve our goal of 275 paid members! But just in case we end up losing a few of those 105 members, please continue to bring in new members. Remember also that you have to pay dues to have your number in the weekly drawing.

Happy New Year to all and be sure to come enjoy our Saturday dinners & Sunday breakfasts.



50 of the 125 Christmas boxes were distributed on Saturday the 17th.

I want to thank all of the many volunteers who helped make this event so much fun and do so much good. I understand it is difficult to stand for 2 hours and greet folks at the grocery store, but once again several of you stepped forward and staffed the shifts. Many of you did more than one shift and I am very grateful to you for that participation.

14 of the boxes went to Reserve component soldiers and National Guard members who were really struggling. Some drove from long distances to get their food, in the horrible weather, and with thanks and appreciation when they got here.

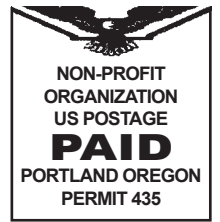
We will get KGW toys on Monday the 19th and the elves will wrap on the 20th. Then we will distribute the other 75 boxes on the 21st so the boxes will ALL be given out by the time you get this bulletin.

Many years ago I learned not to mention folks by name for fear of forgetting someone and then feelings would be hurt. I never want that to happen so just let me say there are several very kind hearted folks who continue to contribute each and every year to the success of this program. I could not do it without them. Whether you bought a turkey, donated your time, drove to pick up food and toys, delivered, shopped, stored items, made and packed boxes, wrapped toys, or made a monetary donation you are very much appreciated and thanked from my heart. We were given several very generous donations this year and our food boxes were plentiful, again thanks to those of you who participated. We will start planning again in July!

I hope your Christmas season was what you wanted it to be and you all have a happy and healthy 2017!



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

January 2017

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| Jan 3 | 7:00 pm | E-Board Meeting |
| Jan 4 | 7:00 pm | SAL Meeting |
| Jan 10 | 7:00 pm | General & Auxiliary Meeting |
| Jan 19 | 7:00 pm | Legion Riders Meeting |

February 2017

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| Feb 1 | 7:00 pm | SAL Meeting |
| Feb 7 | 7:00 pm | E-Board Meeting |
| Feb 14 | 7:00 pm | General & Auxiliary Meeting |
| Feb 16 | 7:00 pm | Legion Riders Meeting |



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TIGARD POST 158

Sharon Tichenor
 Chaplain



As Auxiliary Chaplain, please let me know if you need any Get Well or Sympathy cards sent to our members.

You can send me an e-mail at: sharon.tichenor@gmail.com or call 503 684-1316