



THE TIGARD POST

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Greetings

I am sure we have all had enough of elections to last a life time but we need to elect our post officers for the up coming year. At the next general meeting we will start nominations and I hope to see many of our members take an interest in the future of their post.

I would like to thank all the officers that have served our post this last year. Every one of them is an outstanding officer and they have done an outstanding job. It is my hope most will continue and run for re election.

I want to thank each and every member for your support over the past few years. It's you that have made Post 158 truly great and made it possible for The American Legion to continue all the great veterans' programs. Without you none of this would be possible. Again, thank you!

Remember to check the enclosed calendar so you don't miss any Post events and also check our web page and Facebook for any last minute changes or events. Speaking about our electronic and social media, it's up and working - it took a lot of work! A special thanks goes out to you, Nam. We truly appreciate all your work with Susan to get us up and running.

In closing I want to remind everyone that spring is just a few short weeks away and that means spring cleaning! We will be looking for all the help we can get so step up and show your pride in your Post. Hope to see you at the Post.

God bless, Jim



1st Vice
Barbara Davis

Dear Legionnaires,

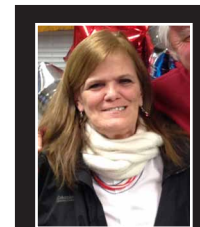
I hope this newsletter finds all of you well and staying dry. I know as Oregonians we are supposed to be used to the rain but this winter has been ridiculous. Let's hope Spring comes quickly so we can all dry out.

I'm happy to announce that our former First Vice, Kent Erickson, has been selected by the VA Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee as the National Volunteer of the Year. He and Jane should be back from the presentation ceremony in Washington D.C. by the time you get this. If you see him around the Post, congratulate him on the prestigious award. Good going Kent!

It's time to start thinking about scholarships. If you know a senior at Tigard or Tualatin High Schools, have them contact there guidance counselor for the paperwork. If you have a senior at one of the other high schools in the area, have them call the Post and leave a message for Larrie Noble. She is coordinating this program for us again this year.

Lastly, there are lots of you out there who still haven't renewed for 2017. Please take a minute and take care of that. I've sent out reminder letters. If you haven't renewed and did not get a letter, please call the Post and double check your mailing address. We don't want to lose track of you.

*Till Next time,
Barb Davis - 1st Vice Commander*



2nd Vice
Susan Hughes

Hello everyone. Hope you all are good.

It's that time again. Nominations for next years officers start in March . . . Who do you want to represent your post next year?

Do you know what happened on March 17th, 1947? Post 158's Charter was signed, so this month your post turns 70 years young.

Also, the American Legion turns 98 years young on March 15th.

We will have Legion Steak Night on March 4th. General membership on March 14th. All other Tuesday's is Bingo and Pizza.

March 17th is St. Patrick's Day so we will be having our Famous Corned Beef and Cabbage and vegetables starting at 4 P.M. until gone. Music by The Boneheads starting at 8 for the Birthday Celebration.

On the 18th, District Meeting at Argonne (Sherwood Post) at 1 PM. March 25th legion Steak Night.

April will start with Steak Night on the 1st. General Membership Meeting on 11. All other Tuesdays join us for Bingo and Pizza. Prime Rib dinner on April 24th (sign up by noon on the 23rd). Legion Steak Night will be on the 22nd. The Boneheads play again on April 29th starting at 8.

Don't forget to check out the calendar for Raymond's Specials on Monday nights, Commander Jim's Menu for Wednesday Lunches and what the Auxiliary and SAL have cooking on their weekends. For more information you can also check out your Facebook page at American Legion Tigard Oregon. Hope everyone has a Great Pre-Spring. Hope to see you at the Post.

Susan Hughes - 2nd Vice Commander



Adjutant
Bernie Healy

Schmidt calls for 'national unity' to honor Lincoln's legacy

A divided country is also a country that is disrespecting President Lincoln's legacy, National Commander Charles E. Schmidt suggested during remarks he made at Lincoln's tomb in Springfield, Ill., on Feb. 12. "A house divided cannot stand," Schmidt said, quoting the 16th president. "These words should be remembered by all of our elected officials of every political party in Washington and in states from coast to coast. Our nation can and must be united.

We owe it to President Lincoln's legacy."

Schmidt led a contingent of American Legion family leaders and state government officials as part of Springfield Post 32's 83rd annual pilgrimage to the tomb on Lincoln's birthday. Other guest speakers included American Legion Auxiliary

National President Mary E. Davis, Sons of The American Legion National Commander Jeff Frain, Illinois Department Commander Cheri Stanton, Department President Luella Buske and Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander Phillip Shipley.

At a luncheon held at the Springfield Wyndham Hotel following the pilgrimage, Schmidt continued to compare Lincoln's presidency to issues facing America today. "Can you imagine if Twitter existed during the 1860s?" Schmidt asked. "Do you think the hashtag #NotMyPresident would have been trending? It certainly would have been popular in the South."

Schmidt said Lincoln's inspirational words would have succeeded in the age of social media. "Lincoln was so eloquent and succinct that he would have excelled at delivering inspirational messages in 140 characters or less: 'Government of the people, by the people, for the people shall no perish from the earth.' Even that would fit in a tweet!" he said.

But Schmidt's remarks took a much more somber turn when he addressed the conduct of many protestors. "Think about a house divided," he said. What could be more divisive than desecrating the American flag? What could be more hateful and disrespectful to the Union that President Lincoln fought so hard to preserve and so many died for? That is why The American Legion unequivocally, unapologetically and unwaveringly calls upon the United States Congress to pass a constitutional amendment to protect the flag from desecration."

Schmidt also touched upon The American Legion's advocacy for veterans and their families. "President Lincoln gave us the immortal words, 'to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan.' Of course, with the times we have expanded the commitment to also include caring for her who shall have borne the battle and for her widower and her orphan. It is a commitment that The American Legion takes very seriously. It is one of the primary reasons that we exist."



For the complete transcript go to www.legion.org

Extra! Extra!

PLEASE CHECK CAREFULLY!!

When the Saturday night drawing book is updated BE SURE TO CHECK CAREFULLY in the front pages for your name. Those that paid after on or after February 8th, your name will not be in the front. You will have to sign your name in the back. DO THIS ONLY ONCE but sign the front pages every week. At times things happen and a person gets missed on the update, THERE IS NO NEED TO MAKE IT AN ISSUE JUST SIGN THE BACK PAGE as it will be corrected on the next update of the book.

U.S. FLAG METAL ART RAFFLE

District #1 is having a fund raising raffle for a 21" x 36" U.S. Flag Metal Art.

Tickets are \$2.00 ea / 3 for \$5.00 / 7 for \$10.00.

Really want to go for it?? 15 tickets for \$20.00!

Winner to be drawn at the 2017 Department Convention.

DISTRICT #1 MEETING

District #1 meeting at Sherwood Post on March 18th 1:00.

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: campcourage Marines@yahoo.com

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



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



President
Joanne Harris

Hurray! Spring is almost here, No more ice in the parking lot.

Even with the snowy night, our chili cook off was a great success. Thanks to Dorothy Smith and her helper Nancy Scott. The winners were, Jim Waggoner 1st place, Phyllis Parent 2nd place, and Scotty Volkenu 3rd place.

The Post was beautifully decorated for our Valentine dinner. The dinner was excellent, thanks to Sharon and her crew. Carol Lee was our Valentine Queen.

Our Americanism dinner honored our Tigard Police Officer and Firefighter of the year and was well attended.

The nominating committee, for our 2017/18 Auxiliary Officers, are Nora Pirie, Brenda Sherlock, and Sharon Bowen. If interested in running for an Office, please contact a member of the committee.

The March Auxiliary dinner is March 11th. Nancy Scott and Barbra Smith will be serving there famous Irish stew or Shepherd pie. Price is \$10.00.

March 14th at 7pm is our monthly meeting.

The April Auxiliary dinner is April 8th and Phyllis Parent and her crew will be serving ribs.

April 11th at 7pm is our monthly meeting.

Please note: National Auxiliary has raised their dues. Our 2018 Unit annual dues will be \$35.00

Joanne Harris, President

1st Vice President

Nancy Scott

As of mid-February we had 229 paid members for the 2017 membership year. That puts us at 83.6% of goal. Of the total, 24 are new members. Dues reminder notices were mailed in January to those members that haven't yet renewed. A few of those came back due to address changes of which we weren't notified. (Remember to let me know if you move.)

We received notice that Department is raising Senior dues in 2018. The dues increase was discussed at our February 14 meeting. Those in attendance thought it had been 5 years since Unit 158 had a dues increase. An increase from \$30 to \$35 was proposed for 2018. It was mentioned that other area units' dues are \$35. The increase to \$35 was voted on and approved without any "nay" votes. Junior dues will remain the same at \$7.

Please note that we will have initiation for new members during our March meeting. So if you joined the Auxiliary after spring 2016, please join us on Tuesday March 14 at 7 pm for your initiation.

Nancy Scott
1st Vice President
Unit 158 American Legion Auxiliary



Welcome New Members

New Legion Members:

Eldon Hodapp
Steve Helfin
Jonathon Simmons
Tony Indriolo
Damin Vonahlefeld
Brian Marshal Tucker
Ed McDaniel
Ove Arvidson
Michelle R Spencer
Dustin E Newman
Michael Crone
Gary Graves
Jacob Read
Douglas C Brewer
Mary Ann Evans
Charles E Heath
and Albert Ammon

New SAL Members:

Kent D Fischer
Tim McCadden
Paul A Bonwell
Kevin J Paulson
Lee M. W . Moss
Roy M Miller
Dave M Batchelor
Jeff S Brink
and Michael S Northcutt

Welcome to Post #158!

The #158 Losers were:

Rodrick L Binger
and Thomas M Warner

The 50/50 Winner was:

William Vokoun



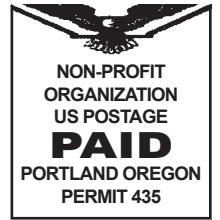
Officer Elections

Are you interested in learning more about The American Legion? Do you think you would like to be an Officer in the Post?

If so, be at the March meeting, and have your 2017 dues paid, and have a member, who also has their 2017 dues paid, recommend you for the elections which will be in April. Or, be present at the April meeting and have a member nominate you from the floor. Either way will work.



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

March 2017

- Mar 1 7:00 pm SAL Meeting
- Mar 7 7:00 pm E-Board Meeting
- Mar 14 7:00 pm General & Auxiliary Meeting
- Mar 16 7:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
- Mar 17 4:00 pm Corned Beef & Cabbage
- Mar 17 8:00 pm The Boneheads
- Mar 18 1:00 pm District Mtg. - Sherwood Post



April 2017

- Apr 4 7:00 pm E-Board Meeting
- Apr 5 7:00 pm SAL Meeting
- Apr 11 7:00 pm General & Auxiliary Meeting
- Apr 16 Easter Sunday
- Apr 17 6:00 pm Prime Rib Dinner
- Apr 16 9-11:30 Easter Champagne Brunch
- Apr 20 7:00 pm Legion Riders Meeting
- Apr 29 8:00 pm The Boneheads



AMERICAN LEGION



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