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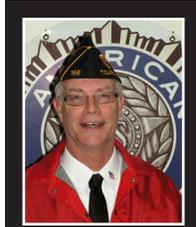
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Commander
Jim Waggoner

Greetings,

Summer is just a few short weeks away and we are getting prepared to utilize our beautiful yard and will be having many outdoor events. One of the first things is to dedicate our Memorial garden where any member can place a flower in remembrance of a loved one. This is one of our Eagle Scout projects as you may not know. The American Legion programs under children and youth supports Scouting. It should be noted that this project was in the works for well over a year before one brick was laid.

It has been brought to my attention that a few of our members are unaware of all the Veterans programs we support both in person and by donation. I take full responsibility for this gap in communication as I tend to forget to inform everyone at our general meetings. I will attempt to do a much better job at communicating this information but rest assured we have and will continue our support for all veterans. As

an example one of our members brought an article in about one of our brother posts opening a warming shelter and wanted to donate to the cause so we as a post jumped into action. Some other members also donated and your post matched their donations. In addition over 100 food boxes were delivered so in fact you did assist in working to serve a veterans case just by supporting your post by being a member. Another one of our members saw a problem with our post trailer ask if he could work on curing the problem next thing I know it's fixed.

So as you can see there is so much good that goes on behind the scenes. It would take several pages each month to begin to describe all we do as a post. As I said I will try to do a much better job in this area.

In the upcoming months we are going to be working to build our membership. As a post we need to reach out to as many veterans as possible and welcome them and show our support for a job well done. I will expect each member to welcome any new members and make them feel at home. 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
Jim Waggoner, Commander



1st Vice
Barbara Davis

Dear Fellow Legionnaires,

I hope all of you are staying warm and dry during this dreary season. Although the calendar says it's almost summer, Mother Nature has not gotten the word. Let's hope the sun comes out soon. Like you, I'm ready to go to work in my garden.

We are on track to make our membership goal of 637 by Convention in June. My thanks to all of you who have renewed and especially to you Early Birds. It really helps. If you aren't aware, there is a way to set up your membership so it automatically renews every year. If you are done messing around with remembering to send in a check and getting those annoying reminder letters, see me and I'll help you set it up. It's fast, easy and secure.

A reminder from Larrie Noble about the use of Fischer Hall. Please run all use of that newly painted facility past her. Or leave a note behind the bar for her. It's embarrassing when two groups show up at the same time.

Lastly, thanks for your confidence in reelecting me as First Vice. I'll do my best to earn that confidence every day. Have a great spring.

Barb Davis, 1st Vice



2nd Vice
Susan Hughes

Well I hope that everyone has had a great spring. We are coming up on Summer. Yes, May is the last meeting for the Summer.

We have a couple upcoming events and it would be great if we all attended. May 6th is a legion Steak Night and proceeds from that night is going assist our Service Officer Fund. So come out and support Our Service Officer.

May is also Mother's Day Month. Come bring your Mom to the post. We will be having specials with Champagne.

May 29th is Memorial Day and we will be hosting a service at the Cemetery, with a pot luck to follow at the post.

June is the official /unofficial start of summer so we are going to kick it off on June 3rd. Come on down and help kick off summer.

June is Father's Day so bring your father for specials. Convention is at Kah-nee-ta this year, June 21st thru 24th. Join us for steak night. Just come on down and have some fun this summer at Post 158!

Check out Facebook or the website for all events and meals and fun.

Have A great Summer,
Susan Hughes, 2nd Vice



Adjutant
Bernie Healy

National Commander's project helps needy children and service officers.

American Legion service officers today are helping more than 700,000 veterans and their families, free of charge, file disability claims, benefits applications and other forms of assistance. Meanwhile, military and veteran families with minor children at home, when struck with unexpected costs that leave them unable to pay for basic household needs, receive more than \$500,000 in emergency funding a year from The American Legion's Temporary

Financial Assistance program.

Both programs depend on charitable contributions to offer the free Assistance.

That's why American Legion National Commander Charles E. Schmidt has made service officer training and Temporary Financial Assistance for needy families with children at home the focus of his fundraising project this year.

To make a tax-deductible contribution to help National Commander Schmidt reach his goal of \$1 million for service officer training and \$1 million for Temporary Financial Assistance before the 99th American Legion National Convention in Reno in August, checks can be made payable to American Legion Charities (wry's "Commander's Charity Fund" on the memo line) and mailed to: The American Legion National Headquarters, 5745 Lee Road, Indianapolis, IN 46216

Safe and convenient online giving is also available for those who would like to help the commander reach his goal of assisting needy children and service officers. To make an online donation, visit www.legion.org/donate and send your gift using a credit or debit card. It is also possible to make an online donation a recurring donation.

Those who have questions, or would like to make a contribution by phone, can call 1-800-433-3318

All donations to the Commander's Charity Fund are processed through American Legion Charities, which has tax deductible 501 (c) (3) status. One-hundred percent of all gifts to the Commander's Charity Fund goes directly to help service officers and needy families.



SAL News

Hi - this is Brandon Kent, your 2nd Vice Commander and Chaplain, bringing you a few updates.

#1 - I am glad to say that in the last few months, post 158 SAL has been gaining new wind in her sails. Our meetings are becoming more regular and we are starting to see more members attending. As of our last National report we are over 100% on enrollment which is fantastic. With that being said, we do need to start seeing more SAL members coming to our meetings and lending their thoughts/ideas to the forward direction of SAL. (1st Wed. of each month, 7pm, downstairs at the post.

Attending SAL meetings is not only a privilege that comes with being a member, but is also something that is expected of each of you. This way, we are better able to serve our Veteran Brothers of the American Legion, and those in the community that we work to provide assistance to.

#2 - We have elections for SAL Officers coming up right around the corner, if anyone in SAL is interested in becoming an Officer, it is in their best interest to actively attend meetings and show that they have a sincere desire to serve on the Board and help further SAL as a group, before submitting their name for consideration.

We will continue to have articles with more information bi-monthly, however I am available to answer any questions or concerns in between. I am also available as Chaplain if anyone in SAL is suffering from health issues or just needs someone to talk with. If anyone knows of any SAL members having health issues, please bring this to my attention so that I might reach out to them on behalf of our group.

You can reach me by phone at 503-484-0257.

I look forward to meeting more of you at the post and functions.

Brandon Kent
2nd Vice Commander, Tigard Post 158

Welcome New Members



New Legion Members:

Jack W Gritzbaugh
Perry A Whitworth
Michelle L Carlson
Rodney Lathrop
Peter Kiessling
Alan Sturgeon
Wallace Markham
Charles C Rowlands
Richard Gardner
Tommy Lee Powers
and Steven M Richards

New SAL Members:

Jonathon W Ballin
Anthony Perez
Nathan R Hall
Dave J George
Mike E Kappel
Josh A Sauter
Craig Anderson
Jason J Hanson
and Steven M Richards Jr.

Welcome to the Tigard American Legion & Squadron #158



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

Our April rib dinner was a huge success. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this successful.

At our April Auxiliary meeting, our guests were Linda Boone, past national president, and Deby Levy, Department of Oregon president. At our April meeting, election of officers was held. Our 2017-2018 officers are: Nora Pirrie, President, Nancy Scott, First VP, Dorothy Smith, Second VP, Sharon Bowen, Secretary, Phyllis Parent, Treasurer, Karen

Walker, Chaplin, Robin Carrodine, Historian, Ruth Hopkins, Sargent Of Arms, Joanne Harris and Carolyn Capro, E-Board members. Congratulations to all of our new officers. Installation of officers will be later.

The scholarship committee will meet in May, and our two scholarship winners will be announced at a Tigard High School assembly in June.

May 9th, at 7pm, will be our last monthly meeting until September.

May 13th is our Auxiliary dinner. Sharon Bowen and her crew will prepare an excellent enchiladas dinner.

The Memorial Day ceremonies at the Cemetery will be May 29th.

The American Legion and Auxiliary convention will be from June 21st to June 24th.

Joanne Harris, President

1st Vice President

Nancy Scott

As of mid-April we have 252 paid members. This puts us at 91.64% of goal. We need an additional 23 paid members to meet our goal of 275.

Longevity awards were handed out at our March meeting. Congratulations to Rose Nass for 50 years of membership!! Elizabeth Olds and Sue Richey have 40 years with the ALA. Pauline Edwards, Mary Finn & Cathy Stedman have been members for 30 years. Awards were also given for 20 years (6), for 15 years (5), for 10 years (7) and for 5 years (7). Congratulations to all of those loyal members. If you weren't at the meeting to accept your award, it will be mailed to you.

I have heard from a few members that didn't receive their membership cards in the mail. If it has been over a month since you paid your dues and you haven't receive your card, please give me a call (503-524-9006) or drop a note for me in the ALA box outside the office. All mailings have my return address and I haven't gotten any cards back from the Post Office, but perhaps some mail got lost due to the weather we've been having.

Nancy Scott, 1st Vice



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.



Extra! Extra!

★★★ Memorial Day Ceremony ★★★

Memorial Day is May 29th and as usual the post will be putting up flags downtown and at Crescent Grove Cemetery.

We will meet at the post on the 27th at 9:00 to load the trailers for downtown and the cemetery and we will need all the help that we can get!!

The Memorial Day ceremony starts at 11:00 at the cemetery on the 29th. Our keynote speaker will be Tigard's new Chief of Police Kathy McAlpine.

There is a fly by scheduled, TVF&R bagpipes, as well as Fire Fighter and Police Officer of the year. A pot-luck will follow at the post starting at approximately 12:30.



Flag Day Volunteers Needed!!

On Flag Day, June 14th, the post puts flags up downtown. Check with the post to see what time the Sgt. at Arms would like a few members to help.

4th of July Picnic

July 4th the Annual Post Picnic starts at Noon.

We can use raffle prizes and door prizes.

REMEMBER...THERE ARE NO GENERAL MEETINGS DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST!



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May 2017

May 2	7:00pm	E-Board Meeting
May 3	7:00pm	SAL Meeting
May 5		Cinco de Mayo Activities
May 7	1:00pm	Installation of Officers
May 9	7:00pm	General & Auxiliary Meeting
May 14		Mother's Day
May 18	7:00pm	Legion Riders Meeting
May 29	11:00am	Crescent Grove Service
	12:30pm	Pot Luck at the Post

June 2017



June 6	7:00pm	E-Board Meeting
June 7	7:00pm	SAL Meeting
June 15	7:00pm	Legion Riders Meeting
June 18		Father's Day



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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