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Greetings,

Summer is winding down and many activities are in play at your post. First on our agenda is the District Executive Committee meeting on Saturday, September 16. It is an honor to be the host post as this year our National Commander will be joining us. Stop in and say hello. Show your support for the great work the American Legion is doing and show your pride in our post. You will notice a lot of clean up in and around the post and general sprucing up in preparation so if you notice something needing attention feel free to correct the issue after all, it is your post.

In order for our organization to remain strong we need to increase membership and at the same time maintain our current membership. I believe to accomplish this we as a post need to maintain the highest of standards in everything we do. I also feel strongly in rewards for loyal members. One example that comes to mind is Early Birds. Every member can be one and there should be a reward. So as you most likely are all ready thinking what is the reward other than a dollar saving on a door card. As an Early Bird you are showing your strong support for the American Legion, your post and the work we do in service for Veterans so post 158 is going to set the bar a little higher. As an Early Bird you will be receiving a discount at your post. As I am sure you have a few Questions just ask any post officer to give you a complete run down.

As the days get shorter and we settle into our winter routine spending more time indoors and at the post you will find many activities; live music, bingo, open mike karaoke, full dinner specials and without a doubt some of the friendliest bartenders in town. All available to you at the best prices so come on in and enjoy your post . . . You Deserve It.

In closing I wish to thank every member: Legion, Legion Riders, Sons of the American Legion and Auxiliary for all they do in support of our great organization. It takes everyone to make our post one of, if not the best, in the state. Every officer of post 158 has taken an oath to never turn away any Veteran in need and has volunteered to serve the post and I wish to thank each officer as they have proven time after time they have honored this oath.

Always at your service, Jim



1st Vice
Barbara Davis

Dear Legionnaires,

Another summer has passed us by. I hope all of you that tried, had success in your gardens through the hot weather. Personally, my green beans didn't make it. I got one good crop though.

As fall approaches, it means it's time to renew your membership. Early birds are those who renew before Veteran's Day, November 11. Not only do you get your key card free as an early bird, but the Commander is working on bar incentives for you too. If you are tired of writing a check each year you can set up your membership for automatic renewal. Or you can become a PUFL (paid up for life). Both of these options are available on the Legion website www.legion.org. Or you can catch up with me at the Post and we can do it together there. You can drop your renewal in Bernie's box by the door to the office if neither he nor I are around. Have a great fall.

Barb Davis, 1st Vice Commander



2nd Vice
Susan Hughes

Well fall is almost here & officially begins September 22nd. General Membership Meeting is September 12th. Meeting starts at 7PM. September 15-17th we will be hosting the D.E.C. with fellow Legion, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. meetings being held at the Post as well as at the Eagles. A dinner will be held downstairs at the post on Saturday night. If you would like to volunteer helping us with the dinner, van driving or lunches, please contact me. I could deeply use your help. It is also S.A.L dinner night so they will have their dinner upstairs. They are going to be having grilled steaks. We will also be having live music that night by Dave King. Come down and enjoy a weekend full of information, food, dancing, and of course your favorite beverage.

October is going to kicked off by Steak night on October 7th with music by The Boneheads. General membership meeting is on the 10th at 7 PM. S.A.L. yearly Luau will be 21st. Legion Riders will have their Halloween Party on October 28th. It will be very exciting as always with live music.

Don't forget Bingo and Pizza every Tuesday except meeting night. Tacos and Nachos on Wednesdays start at 6 PM. We have Open Menu with fish and chips on Fridays. Breakfasts on Sundays are from 9-11:30AM. Wednesday lunches vary and are served each week from 12-2 pm.

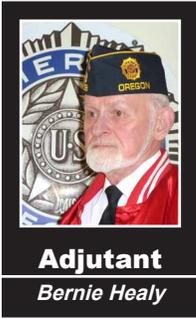
Don't forget to check out the Facebook and website for updates on events.

Hope to see you at the post!
Susan Hughes, 2nd Vice Commander

Welcome New Members

George W Harper
Jack Croll
Lenoard T Heiselt
Edwin C McQuary and
William K Klammer

*Welcome to the
Tigard American Legion #158*



Adjutant
Bernie Healy

Legion Coin Bill Passes Senate

On Aug. 3 the U. S. Senate passed S. 1182, The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act before it went on recess.

The legislation still needs a vote in the House of Representatives; Legionnaires are encouraged to ask their representatives for co-sponsorship of this important legislation by sending a prepared message.

The U.S. Congress only authorizes the minting of two commemorative coins per year. Unique among U.S. Mint products, the Legion centennial coin will help raise money for important causes, as well as commemorate important aspects of American history and culture.

The funds gained from this bill, introduced in June, would support the Legion's four pillars of service: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism and Children and Youth. National Commander Charles Schmidt issued the following statement after Thursday's passage of the Legion Coin legislation: "On the behalf of our nation's American Legionnaires, I extend our sincere thanks to the members of the U.S. Senate, especially Senators Joe Donnelly, Todd Young, Johnny Isakson, and Jon Tester, for the passage of S. 1182 The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act.

"This bill will authorize the U. S. Mint to produce a commemorative coin celebrating the 100th birthday of The American Legion, the nation's largest wartime veteran service organization with more than 2 million members and 13,000 post across the U.S..

"The American Legion assists veterans and their families to access the benefits they earned while defending our Nation. We ensure America's veterans receive healthcare and disability compensation for their injuries, and the education and training required to be contributing members of society following their military service.

"S. 1182 is budget-neutral and will generate funds for veteran-support activities in every community in America--at no cost to the taxpayer. One hundred percent of the funds raised by The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act will go to support veteran programs.

"Again, we are thankful for the Senate's steadfast support of our veterans and military families. We look forward to swift passage of this bill's companion,

H.R. 2519, in the House of Representatives so that the President can sign this important legislation into law?"

My Fellow Legionnaires,

In the last two months The American Legion Service Department has had the privilege of helping a number of Veterans with unexpected needs. I would therefore like to thank The American Legion Riders for the donation of \$800.00 and Sonja Banton for the donation of \$150.00 in the name of her family members Tom Banton of Florida and Deb Banton of Colorado. They had a wonderful 90th birthday bash for their father.

Without this kind of support for my office these efforts would not be possible. The need will continue through the fall and upcoming winter and with this kind of help we will be ready to help when necessary.

I continue enjoying meeting so many fine Veterans and being able to help when the need is there.

Sincerely,
Your Service Officer, Steve Disque

EXTRA - EXTRA!!

- REMEMBER -
THE FIRST GENERAL MEETING IS:
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12th AT 7:00



ATTENTION ALL MARINES:

If you were stationed at Camp Lejeune in 1987 or before, please visit the website www.clnr.hqi.usmc.mil. The Marine Corps is inviting you to receive notifications regarding problems with the drinking water during those years. Or do a web search with the key words Camp Lejeune water.

SAL
2nd Vice
Commander
Brandon Kent

Hello there,

The months of July/August have seen some disappointments for the SAL group. Unfortunately, several officers have been unable to attend meetings, or participate in activities, due to major surgeries, and life-threatening issues.

It is disappointing to hear that we had to cancel some events recently, because we are seeing such a poor lack of member participation. Not only does this reflect poorly on the SAL organization as a whole, but it also lets down our veteran brothers that we are supposed to be serving as a support organization.

We have one of the largest SAL groups in the State of Oregon with regards to numbers, but from what I hear of other groups in the State, we have one of the lowest in participation.

Most events are currently being taken care of by the officers and a few members at best. (And recently, slots have been filled by Legion members, which is simply not okay!)

We have the steak dinner coming up on September 16 which is extremely important as the DEC folks will be in town, and we will be needing to put our best foot forward, which we should be doing any time we have a function.

As several of the officers, myself included, will still be medically restricted from standing, or walking long periods of time, and distances, it is imperative that we have our members step up and take charge!

The bottom line is, if you are an SAL member and want to continue having the Privileges of using post 158, you must show up to our meetings, and participate in the activities we put on, to support the veterans that this post was built for.

For those people who have served with distinction in the past as SAL members and Officers, I give my thanks, as do the rest of the Officers and Veterans of the Legion

I am doing my best while restricted medically to fulfill my role as Chaplain. If anyone needs to talk, or if we have anyone who is out sick, please get a hold of me, or send me that person's information by email so that I can make contact.

I look forward to speaking with you, and seeing you at our events and meetings.

Best,
Brandon Kent
1st Vice Commander & Chaplain - SAL #158
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2016-2017
LEGION RIDERS
OFFICERS

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

President

Nora Pirrie

President's Report

We enjoyed a good time at our Oregon Department Convention at the 3 Rivers Casino in Florence, Oregon in June. Of our seven members attending we were honored to have PNP Linda Boone and District President Brenda Sherlock with us. Helen Hisaw is our Department President and Krisanne Owens is the Vice President to 2017 - 2018. Congratulations and best wishes to you both. We are looking forward to a rewarding year.

Our Jane Erickson won the AEF trophy for all her hard work with she and Kent collecting change and tons of cans and bottles to be returned for their deposit. The trophy is now retired and ours to display at the Post. We brought home three more retired trophies: The Barbara Doyle Memorial Poppy Award, The Polly Scott VA&R Award and The Cheryl Hufford VA&R Award. These last three trophies were won many times by our Liz Olds with all her hard work and written reports in the past. Thank you Liz!



Our planning meeting was in July with eleven Auxiliary members and the Post Commander attending. It was exciting to have new members with fresh ideas and willing to volunteer for our

many dinners and fund raising projects. Our ladies will be doing Saturday night dinners and will need volunteers to help them.

We will be making breakfast at the Post on the second Sunday of the month starting in September. Please come and see what ladies are serving.

Thank you to Phyllis and Georganne and their crew who made one of the best stuffed chicken breasts dinners in July! Great job ladies! Our first business meeting will be Tuesday, September 12th at 7pm downstairs in Fisher Hall.

Please come and see what we have planned for our 2017 - 2018 year.

Our Tigard Post will be hosting the Department Executive Committee (DEC) in September on the 16th and 17th. There will be dinner and lunch. This is good time to meet our Department leaders and hear what is planned for in our future. Everyone is welcome.

Submitted,
Nora Pirrie
Tigard Unit 158 President

**1st Vice President**

Nancy Scott

Hello Ladies,

It's September and that means it is time to renew your Auxiliary membership. Please remember that our dues increased to \$35.00 for 2018. Junior dues remain the same at \$7.00. National expects dues for the upcoming year to be paid up prior to January 1 of the upcoming year. Remember to renew before Veterans Day to get your "Early Bird" stamp and skip the \$1.00 fee for your 2018 entry "key." (If you don't renew your membership before January 1, your Post entry card will not release the door lock.) Bonus: Any new members that are submitted after September 1 have their dues applied to the following year. That means new members that join in the fall get up to 4 months of "free" membership!!!

How to pay your 2018 dues? National sends dues reminders, but experience shows that not all current members receive a dues reminder. (I have no answer as to why this happens.) You can drop your dues in the ALA box next to the office door at the Post or you can mail your dues to the Post or directly to me at the addresses below. If you don't receive a dues notice & envelope, please write your name, current address, phone number and e-mail address on a slip of paper to submit with your payment. If you receive a dues reminder, please correct any errors in your contact information and be sure to show your current phone number and e-mail address. I have spent many hours working to make sure our Unit membership roster is correct but am still having some membership cards returned by the US Post Office.

Final note on dues: You can pay dues on-line with a credit card. However, I ask that you not do so. It takes several months for our Unit to receive notice of and credit for your payment.

Final note on this year's goal: We ended 2017 at 98.909091%. With 272 members, we were only 3 short of our goal of 275.

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ALA Unit 158
8635 SW Scoffins St
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If mailing to me:

Nancy Scott
13050 SW Trigger Dr
Beaverton, OR 97008

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.





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Sept 4		Labor Day
Sept 5	7:00pm	E-Board Meeting
Sept 6	7:00pm	SAL Meeting
Sept 12	7:00pm	General & Aux Meeting
Sept 15-17		DEC
Sept 21	7:00pm	Legion Riders Meeting

Oct 3	7:00pm	E-Board Meeting
Oct 4	7:00pm	SAL Meeting
Oct 10	7:00pm	General & Aux Meeting
Oct 19	7:00pm	Legion Riders Meeting
Oct 21		SAL Annual Luau
Oct 28		Halloween Party
Oct 31		Halloween



AMERICAN LEGION
TIGARD POST 158

Karen Walker
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: karenrw@comcast.net or call 503 639-7339