



THE TIGARD POST

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Dear Legionnaires,

As this is my first article as Commander, I'd like to share my hopes for the Post. First, I'd like us to become even more welcoming than we already are. We all know each other so if you see a new face, please introduce yourself to the newcomer. It goes a long way to making each member feel welcome and wanted. Second, please consider taking on one project this year. If we all do one thing, it won't fall to the same few every time. Finally, invite a veteran or anyone else who's eligible to join to come to the Post to try us out. We have a pretty special thing going here and I'd love it if we could get more of Tigard involved.

Quickly, I'd like to echo Larrie's thanks for all who helped with the Christmas boxes. It's quite a production and it takes lots of people to make it work. Thanks aren't enough to show my gratitude for all everyone did to support families in our community. Tigard knows it can always count on their American Legion.

*See you around the Post,
Barb Davis*

1st Vice

Mary Ann Evans

Seasons Greetings,

Thanks for all of your support and well wishes for me in my new role as First Vice Commander. I hope to serve you well.



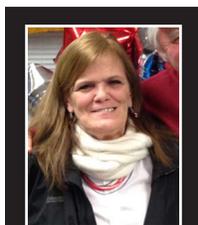
We're making progress with membership renewals, but we need your help. Please renew your membership if you haven't already. There are so many options. You can renew on-line, with a post bartender or put your payment in the Adjutant box in the hall by the office door. You can pay-up-for-life and avoid the annual renewal process. You can sign up on-line to automatically renew your membership.

I asked for help with membership at our last monthly meeting and passed out a brief survey (blue), membership ideas request (orange) and request for volunteers to mentor new members (yellow). I hope you take a few minutes to participate. There are copies available near the post ATM machine. Please deposit completed surveys in the basket. I'll share a summary of your input at the next monthly meeting.

We hope you come by the post and socialize with old friends and make some new friends. Eat, drink and be merry!

May you and your family be safe and blessed.

Mary Ann Evans, First Vice Commander



2nd Vice

Susan Hughes

Well I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and Christmas Season.

January will start off with Steak Night January 6th. General Membership meeting will be on January 9th. The National Commander, National President and National Detachment Commander, will all be here in Oregon at the Winter DEC meeting in Lebanon Oregon the weekend of January 12-14th. We close out the month by having another Steak night on January 27th.

In February, we'll start the month off with Steak Night on February 3rd - I'm calling it "Birthday Bash". We have a lot of members that have birthdays in January and February, so we are combining them into 1 big night! Steaks, a new live band, cake and candles. Come celebrate with us. February Membership Meeting will be on February 13th, and then we have another steak night on February 24.

For updates on events or more items happening check out our Facebook page. It's updated every week.

From Jeff Boggs,
Director of the American Legion Riders Post 158

On Tues. 14th of November I had the honor and privilege to escort the POW-MIA Flag from Post 57 Newberg and bring it to our house Tigard post 158 where we cared for it for three days until it was picked up by another Veteran with the American Veteran M.C. This Flag is on a 50 state tour that started it's journey from Southwest Virginia September 23rd 2017 and will return to Grundy, Virginia on May 19th 2018. It will then be placed into the Smithsonian Institute Museum along with a documentary of its journey and the lives that it touched. While here at our post, it was seen by all that came into the post on those three days. It was on display for those it honored to have the opportunity to see it, or hold it in their hands. It touched each one of their lives in one way or another. I was told by Lee, as he broke down in tears, how much it meant to him to see and to hold it in his hands. He said how thankful he was that I brought this to our post and how this helped him with some closure on his own story. He told me, "I can't begin to tell you how many flags that I have placed over coffins", as tears fell from his eyes. When I passed the flag around to the fellow ALR members, you could see that it touched everyone in a certain way, it even brought me to tears. Some were in disbelief that they were actually holding history, and the significance of this flag. I am honored and touched to be a part of this historical event and thankful for being able to share with our post.

The P.O.W. Flag has now started its journey across the United States of America. It has been my responsibility to deliver the flag to you today, and to remind you that it is everyone's obligation to never forget the 83 thousand soldiers that are still unaccounted for. Now it is your responsibility to see that the flag continues its journey across all 50 States.



Happy New Year! 🎉 Happy New Year! 🎉 Happy New Year! 🎉



Americanism Dinner

February, 20th - 6 to 8 pm

Come meet the Fireman and Police officer of The Year at the Americanism Dinner February



Welcome New Members

- Denise Arrand
- Gregory Bruce Forbes
- Carroll Gorg
- Mark B. Klug
- Richard D. Norgart
- Donald B Peterson
- Alexander Mackenzie Struhoeff
- Dan Walsh

Welcome to the Tigard American Legion #158



American Legion Auxiliary 2018

Saturday, January 13, 2018

Chili and Cornbread Cook-off
 Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place
 and a winner for People's Choice
 Please sign up at the bar.
 Drop off Chili and/or Cornbread
 downstairs between 4 and 5
 Judging starts at 5:00 sharp
 After judging, eating will begin at 6:00pm
 \$7 for all you can eat Chili & Cornbread!



2017-2018 LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS

- Director - Jeff Boggs
- Vice Director - Dean Johnston
- Secretary - Angie Cearley
- Treasurer - Bill Vokoun
- Road Captain - Scott Reese
- Sgt at Arms - Ed McDaniel
- Chaplain - Jim Haworth

President

Nora Pirrie

January 2018 . . .

We wish you all a very "HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!"

The Portland VA Hospital gift shop was very successful, thank you to the ten ladies from our Auxiliary that volunteered their time wrapping gifts and helping our veterans with their shopping.

Now that the holidays are behind us its time to plan for our New Year....

First, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for all the hard work and hours that you volunteered at the Post and the Portland VA Hospital. The quilts and afghans, the gift wrapping, collecting donations and food to go into the Christmas baskets, kitchen help and serving, kitchen cleaning, and so many more activities are the way we keep our Post great ! Again thank you so much....

Please mark your calendars, Saturday, January 13th will be our famous "Chili Cook Off" Please bring your "secret" chili recipe! Everyone is welcome to enter, there is a \$5.00 entry fee and three prize winners plus people choice winner. The sign-up sheet is by the bar.

Our condolences to long time member Sue Richey for the loss of her husband. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our next general meeting on January 9th downstairs in Fisher Hall.

February 2018 . . .

Please join us on Saturday, February 10th at the Post our annual Valentines celebration. A Steak and Shrimp dinner is planned. We will crown our 2018 Auxiliary Valentine Queen and if your dues are paid up for the current year it could be you.....

On Tuesday, February 20th we will be having our Americanism dinner to meet and honor our Girls and Boys State Citizens that attended "Girls and Boys State" last year in June. They introduce us to their parents and tell us about their experiences they had during that week. We will also honor Tigard's Fireman and Police of the year. Dinner is held downstairs in Fisher Hall starting at 6pm and costs \$6.00. Everyone is welcome.

Remember elections will be coming up, think about which office you would like to be elected to. We will be having initiation in March for our new members.

Please join us for our meeting on February 12th downstairs in Fisher Hall at 7pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nora Pirrie, Tigard Unit 158 President*

1st Vice President

Nancy Scott

Hi Everyone.

Here we are off to a good start on the year for membership. As of mid-December we have 165 paid members. With a goal of 275 that means we are at 60% of goal. If you haven't yet paid your dues, you don't need a dues reminder from National. Just leave your \$35 and a note with your name and any changes to your address or phone number in the box at the Post. We love both new and renewal members.

*Nancy Scott
First Vice*



Christmas Box Program

As you read this we are well into January and the Christmas boxes and toys have been distributed once more. I am not going to mention individuals names for fear I would forget someone but you all deserve deepest thanks for making this a better Christmas for many in our community who are in need.

We had wonderful volunteers this year at the Post, at the Grocery Outlet, going to the various stores for shopping, doing on line shopping to save us money, picking up our produce, and then organizing Fisher Hall when all the boxes are being filled and distributed. We had volunteers who did such a great job putting quite an assortment of food into all the boxes. We had Santa's elves wrapping on at least 2 different occasions. One of the local dentist offices provided nutritious vegetarian food for 2 of our Veterans. We had Post and community volunteers on the distribution day, some of which were interpreters, who helped many of the families. It is quite a process and it is such fun to see the eyes of the little ones shine when they see there is a present for them from Santa. As in the past the stuffed animals were so much fun to give to the families.

Thank you once again to all the volunteers from the Post and the community who make this program such a success.

Larrie Noble



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.





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January

Jan 2	7:00pm	E-Board Meeting
Jan 3	7:00	SAL Meeting
Jan 9	7:00pm	General & Aux Meeting
Jan 13	4:00	Chili Cook-Off
Jan 18	7:00pm	Legion Riders Meeting



February

Feb 6	7:00pm	E-Board Meeting
Feb 7	7:00pm	SAL Meeting
Feb 13	7:00pm	General & Aux Meeting
Feb 14		Valentine's Day
Feb 15	7:00pm	Legion Riders Meeting
Feb 19		President's Day
Feb 20	6:00	Americanism Dinner



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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