



TIGARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 158

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NEWSLETTER - SEPT/OCT 2022

8635 SW Scoffins Street
Tigard, Oregon 97223

From your Post Commander

Hello Member of Post 158,

If you haven't heard, we have partnered with David's Chair, a non profit that provides all terrain wheelchairs to reserve and use for free for those who are mobility challenged. We are the first to have one of these wheelchairs in the Portland area. If you are interested or someone you know is interested you can reserve the chair at davidschair.org.

As we are an organization dedicated to helping our community and supporting each other I would like to implore all of you to consider volunteering with something at our post. We have many opportunities to volunteer and do good things for our veterans and community which is the backbone of making our post a successful representation of the amazing people I know who volunteered to serve their country and continue to be a cornerstone of making our country great. Some of the programs we have currently are David's Chair, Vittles from Veterans (food bank program), scouts, Boy's State, Legion Baseball, and others. There will be a section in the newsletter with volunteer opportunities that are available. You don't have to give up all of your free time to get involved as there are opportunities for every schedule.

I appreciate all our members regardless as even your membership allows us to be a huge voice in the veteran community and in legislation to help us improve veterans lives such as improving the VA system, the Pact Act of 2022, etc. I hope to see more people volunteering if they can and help us continue our legacy in our community, please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have questions or concerns around getting involved in these programs and opportunities.

Allyson Post Commander

Adjutant's Message

Woo hoo! We had a great golf tournament to kick off August! Thirty-six players teed it up at Sandelie Golf Course in West Linn and a grand time was had by all. Many thanks to Kathy and her crew at the course and to Dean Johnston who ran the show here at The Post. Special thanks to Dana Schaffer, Suzie Bissett, and Shelly Palmore, of the Auxiliary, who provided sustenance and support for the players on the course.

We ended 2022 membership with 581 Legion Members (making goal of 579) and we're off to a great start for 2023! Renewal season started on July 2nd and we already have 152 members paid for next year. If you haven't sent yours in yet, renew now and support your Post.

Adjutant Marc



From Larrie Noble

I know many of you are hearing about back-to-school planning and probably thinking "oh good glad I don't have to think too much about that". Really, we do have to start thinking about it as a Post because soon we will begin discussion with the Tigard Tualatin Resource Center about Christmas plans and how we can support the TTRC with the referrals they will receive. The families they serve are within the Tigard Tualatin school district and so we would not be getting referrals from areas outside of our community if we are able to work with them again this year. Please start thinking about ways we can serve our community at the holiday time. I am not sure if we will be able to provide food boxes but I know we can provide referrals to the non-profits we support with Vittles from Veterans and assist them in getting help from these non-profits. I hope to continue our support for Charles F Tigard as we have a well-established relationship with CFT and their staff. One thought is perhaps we can increase the number of children we serve there. Please put on your Santa thinking caps and let's start thinking of ways we can show our community holiday support.



Auxiliary News:

Hello Ladies:

Western Days BBQ & raffle was a success - We netted over \$700 for Department & National program donations. As I write this in mid-August, our garage sale is upcoming. If we do as well on that, we'll be over half way to earning enough for those Department & National donations we make each year. Our next fundraiser will be the Holiday Bazaar in late November. We'll need vendors to rent tables & donations of holiday decor & gift items for our ALA table at the Bazaar.

We'll resume our monthly meetings on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 pm. I hope to see you at that meeting. We will be draping the charter for deceased members and voting on our annual budget.

Nancy Scott
President



Dues for 2023 are \$40, you can drop off your renewal in the Auxiliary box next to the office at the Post or mail them in to 8180 SW Mapleleaf St, Tigard, OR 97223. Let me know if you have any questions, 503-246-5721.

Barb Smith
1st VP



Western Days was a great success, thanks to all who came out and to the volunteers! Remember our dinners on the second Saturday of the month. There is a raffle for a Roomba vacuum for legion scholarships.

Kimberly Reid
2nd VP



Legion Rider Corner

Thank you for supporting our Mexican Carne Asada Dinner in July. It was well received and a sellout. Be sure to come to our October Saturday dinner. We will guarantee the dinner is the best quality-quantity for your money! The proceeds go towards supporting veterans. Last quarter we donated to COMRADES IN COURAGE, a local Beaverton non-profit for veterans that provides support to improve their wellness and fitness. In addition to riding motorcycles, did you know the Riders donate over 700 volunteer hours each quarter in supporting your Post. We volunteer many hours in addition to the last Sunday of the Month Work Party. In June the Riders provided a motorcycle escort for the American Legion National Commander Paul Dillard as he visited Posts in Oregon. In August we held a decommissioning ceremony to retire US flags. So, the next time you see a Legion Rider be sure to thank him or her for their volunteer work at the Post.

Who's Who at Your Post



POST OFFICERS

- Commander** Allyson Kropf
- 1st Vice CDR** Jim Waggoner
- 2nd Vice CDR** Vacant
- Adjutant** Marc Cowling
- Finance Officer** Bill Vokoun
- Service Officer** Vacant
- Sgt. at Arms** Craig Hopkins
- Chaplain** Harry Thomas
- Historian** Vacant
- Judge Advocate** Steve Knapke
- E-Board at Large** Lee Hughes
Ed Noble
- Jr Past CDR** Barb Davis



AUXILIARY

- President** Nancy Scott
- 1st Vice Pres** Barbara Smith
- 2nd Vice Pres** Kimberly Reid
- Secretary** Debbie Hicks
- Treasurer** Norma Barber
- Chaplain** Karen Walker
- Historian** Georganne Dorr
- Sgt. at Arms** Sue Richey
- "E" Board** Nancy Scott
- Jr Past Pres** Nora Pirrie



SONS OF THE LEGION

- Commander** Damian Vonahlefeld
- 1st Vice CDR** Greg Knight
- 2nd Vice CDR** Wayne Sybert
- Adjutant** Marc Cowling
- Finance Officer** Bill Vokoun
- Sgt. at Arms** Randy Houck
- Chaplain** Jack Schleyer
- Historian** OPEN



LEGION RIDERS

- Director** Jeff Boggs
- Asst. Director** Dale Nichols
- Treasurer** Bill Vokoun
- Secretary** Angie Cearley
- Chaplain** Mark Schnetzky
- Road Captain** Scott Rees
- Sgt. at Arms** Audie Cearley
- Historian** Julie Schnetzky

Volunteer Opportunities:

Second Vice Commander helps fun operations and attract members to the post. They help fill the social calendar with activities designed to engage members. They look for ways to involve members in post activities, operations, and programs to assist the First Vice Commander by providing improved member retention.

Commitment: 1 Executive Board Meeting a month, 1 General Meeting a month, and up to a few hours a month to complete duties.

Post Service Officer is responsible for bringing awareness to all veterans and their dependents the rights and benefits granted them by law. They access and utilize the expert services available through the American Legion, state and federal government agencies, and local community agencies.

Commitment: 1 Executive Board Meeting a month, 1 General Meeting a month, and up to a few hours a month to complete duties.

Historian works on matters of historical interest. They will keep in touch with the department historian and be prompt in answering inquiries. They provide source material for those looking for information about the American Legion.

Commitment: 1 Executive Board Meeting a month, 1 General Meeting a month, and up to a few hours a month to complete duties.

David's Chair Program - Our David's Chair program needs volunteers to check out and check in the wheelchair to members of the community as reserved through David's Chair. Training will be given on how to do this.

Commitment: 10-30 minutes, one to two times per week.

Food Bank Program - Our food bank program needs volunteers to help with picking up food from the grocery stores we are working with and unloading the food to be organized and distributed.

Commitment: 2 to 3 hours one day a week.



DID YOU KNOW...

That you can renew your membership online? Go to mylegion.org, then Membership, then click on renew. It will require you to sign into your mylegion account or use your Member ID. If you don't know your Member ID you can email the post at tigardamericanlegion@gmail.com and we can look it up for you.

You can update all you contact information, get a copy of your membership card, have access to a digital copy of the American Legion Magazine, and many other things if you have a mylegion account. If you don't have an account, go to mylegion.org, go to Register, enter you email (must be the email you have connected to your membership), enter your first and last name and check consents, create your password, and click finish registration. If you do not have an email connected to your membership you can email the post at tigardamericanlegion@gmail.com and ask us to add your email to your membership so you can register.

We have a Facebook page and new website! It has the most up to date information as to what is going on at Post 158. This is one of the best ways to keep up to date with current hours and events as things are change in between newsletters. Go to Facebook and search for American Legion Tigard Oregon. It is updated every morning. The new website is tigardamericanlegion.org.

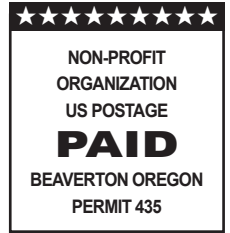
If you need help navigating any of these things you can email the post at tigardamericanlegion@gmail.com and Allyson Kropf, the Commander will be more than happy to walk you through the steps.

Announcement:

Reminder: Starting in September our General Meeting will begin again. It is the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. There will be no Bingo on the 2nd Tuesdays of the month until June. I hope to see you there.



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Current Post Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	3:30 - 10
Wednesday	Noon - 10
Thursday	3:30 - 10
Friday	3:30 - 11
Saturday	3:30 - 11
Sunday	Closed

Karen Walker
Auxiliary 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 503 964-4923



Harry Thomas
Legion Chaplain

I can be reached by calling the Post at 503.624.2332

Post 158 Email Updates

In an effort to increase transparency and alert you as quickly as possible to any changes in post policies and exciting events or volunteer needs. We will begin sending email alerts and updates in addition to the bi-monthly newsletters. To ensure you don't miss anything please send the following information to tigardamericanlegion@gmail.com.

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Alternatively you can go to our website: <https://www.tigardamericanlegion.org/> and click on the Sign Up for Newsletter button and fill out your information there.

If you recently updated your contact information you can disregard this notice.