



TIGARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 158

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NEWSLETTER - SEPT/OCT 2023

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Our new membership year began in July and we are working towards making goal this year. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2024, please start the process so we can work towards that goal.

Starting in September we will begin our general meetings again on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Please attend if you can as I want all voices heard as much as possible during these meetings. This also means that Bingo on the second Tuesday on the month will not be happening until June 2024.

Over the last year, I have begun to be more involved in the American Legion at the Department level, specifically being on several committees. I am looking towards the future not only for our post but for our state. I am also looking for people who want to become more involved in leadership at our post and want to start mentoring the next generation of people who want to lead our post into the future. If you are interested in helping us with this vision, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Allyson Kropf
Commander

Adjutant's Message

WOW! What a great response to our Flag Drive! Our Post members contributed enough to replace all 100 street flags, repair a few damaged poles, and to keep a fund to replace damaged or lost flags. Thank you, all Post #158 members, Auxiliary, Sons, and Legion members. You all did a great job and we'll fly the new flags with renewed pride!



Speaking of renewed pride — Renewal time for 2024 has begun and we're off to a great start. As of this writing we've processed 120 renewals. Together with 70 PUFL members means we've got 190 Legion members renewed already and its only mid-August. We have strength in numbers, so renew today. Save a stamp and drop off your renewal when you come by The Post for a dinner, a Sunday brunch, to play a little bingo, sing some Karaoke, dance to live music, play a little poker, volunteer for a clean up, or just say hi to old friends with a drink at the bar. It's your Post and you make it better with your involvement.

Marc Cowling
Adjutant

From Larrie:

As in the past years at the General meeting in September I would start reminding you about Christmas and talking about the plans. However since I cannot attend I want to update you on the current Christmas planning and have you put the dates in your calendars for helping to make this our usual great project to help the Veterans and families in our community.

Once again Tigard Rotary is going to partner with us and support us in several ways as they did last year. They have offered a very generous financial donation, with prospect of perhaps a second donation, and will investigate the possibility of jackets for donation again. There were so many smiling faces and excited young people when they received a warm new jacket that I hope we will be able to offer them again.

We have set aside the 14th, 15th and 16th of December for the packing of the boxes and delivering and pick up as well. Last year Rotary delivered the food boxes to the Knoll Veterans and to the Veterans at the Watershed.

We hope to send enough food for 25 at each of those locations as well as serving 50 families at Chrls F Tigard, the school we support. The Counselor there is ready to screen the families again and will be here on the Saturday along with some of the teachers for the distribution of boxes.

Start thinking of ways you can support the Christmas program and remember we will be doing some fundraising as we get closer to November.



Thank you in advance because you are all very generous with your time and financial support of this program. Thank you to Tigard Rotary for their partnership with us.

★ ANNOUNCEMENTS: ★

Blood Drive

September 13th
10 am to 3 pm in Fisher Hall.

To sign up Contact:
1-800-RED CROSS or
www.redcrossblood.org
sponsor code: americanlegion158



American
Red Cross

SCHOLARSHIP BUCKS

will soon be offered for sale!

As we start the school year, we will be selling scholarship bucks as a way to raise money for our C Ray Wilson scholarship. I know you have been asked to support many projects in the last few months and will be asked again soon to support the Christmas program but we have to do some fundraising for our scholarships as well as we will willingly accept donations. Last year we had 22 OUTSTANDING students apply and let me tell you we had some long discussions about the contributions these students were making in our community and the truly amazing goals expressed by them.



I sincerely hope you will give thought to purchasing some scholarship bucks or sending in a check so our Post can continue to award these exceptional students a scholarship to help with the increasing costs of education.

Auxiliary Report:

President -

Hello:

We had a fun & successful Western Days BBQ in August. After expenses, our net income was \$800 that we will put towards our various programs (VA gift shops, VA organ transplant unit, Fisher House, Dornbecher, Scholarships, direct aid to veterans and more). Many thanks to everyone that brought side dishes, donated raffle prizes, helped serve & clean up, and of course, those who got dunked in the tank! There was a lot of laughing & cheering.

Our next fundraiser will be a rummage sale on Saturday & Sunday, September 9 & 10 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. You can bring your donations to Fisher Hall Tuesday through Friday, September 5 - 8 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. We will need volunteers to help with accepting & sorting donations,

to help during the sale, and to come do some shopping. Contact Barb Smith or me if you're able to help.

Finally, don't forget: General membership business-meetings resume on Tuesday, September 8 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in Fisher Hall. We'll have to approve a budget at that meeting. So come to find out where the proceeds from our efforts are headed.

Nancy Scott, President

1st Vice -

The Auxiliary is now accepting renewals for 2024, dues are the same as last year at \$40. National will be sending out renewal notices soon, but you can leave your dues at the Post in the Auxiliary box by the office.

Barbara Smith, 1st VP



LEGION Volunteer Opportunities:

Find out how to help in the following areas:

- ★ Second Vice Commander
- ★ Post Service Officer
- ★ Historian
- ★ David's Chair Program
- ★ Food Bank Program

There are more volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in the above or more ways to volunteer, please email tigardamericanlegion@gmail.com

Veterans Crisis Line
DIAL 988 then **PRESS 1**

Who's Who at Your Post



POST OFFICERS		AUXILIARY		SONS OF THE LEGION		LEGION RIDERS	
	Commander Allyson Kropf		President Nancy Scott		Commander Damian Vonahlefeld		Director Jeff Boggs
	1st Vice CDR Jim Waggoner		1st Vice Pres Barbara Smith		1st Vice CDR Greg Knight		Asst Director OPEN
	2nd Vice CDR Vacant		2nd Vice Pres Kimberly Reid		2nd Vice CDR Randy Palmore		Treasurer Bill Vokoun
	Adjutant Marc Cowling		Secretary Debbie Hicks		Adjutant Jach Schleyer		Secretary Angie Cearley
	Finance Officer Bill Vokoun		Treasurer Norma Barber		Finance Officer Bill Vokoun		Road Captain Scott Rees
	Service Officer Vacant		Chaplain Karen Walker		Sgt. at Arms Randy Houck		Sgt. at Arms Darrell Cearley
	Sgt. at Arms Craig Hopkins		Chaplain Karen Walker		Chaplain Wayne Sybert		Chaplain OPEN
	Chaplain Harry Thomas		Historian Georganne Dorr		Historian OPEN		Historian Vickie Pearson
	Historian Vacant		Sgt. at Arms Sue Richey				
	Judge Advocate Steve Knapke		"E" Board Nancy Scott				
	E-Board at Large Lee Hughes Ed Noble		Jr Past Pres Nora Pirrie				
	Jr Past CDR Barb Davis						

Legion Riders Corner -

The American Legion Riders would like to again thank everyone who helped us with the Tigard Festival of Balloons. It was a huge success and is still giving with new memberships and recognition. Dale will be making a full presentation at the first general meeting. We are hoping everyone can make it Thank everyone that came out for the ALR dinner for the smoked pork dinner. What a huge success.



A Note from the Preservation Task Force

The Preservation Task Force would truly appreciate help at the monthly Post clean-up. Many hands make light work. We only work for an hour or so and then retire to the post for breakfast and company. A great way to meet fellow Post 158 members. We generally meet the last Sunday of each month.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Tigard American Legion Post 158 is now the home of the 2023 Oregon (AAA) American Legion Baseball State Tournament Champions...THE BARBERS.



2023 was a great year for Tigard American Legion Baseball. One of the three teams playing for our Post, THE BARBERS, won the 2023 Oregon (AAA) American Legion Baseball State Tournament. They went on to represent the state of Oregon in the Regional American Legion Baseball Tournament in Gillette, Wyoming, but were eliminated on day three of the double elimination tournament. Our other (AAA) team, the Hillsdale Merchants, also qualified for the Oregon (AAA) American Legion Baseball State Tournament in Eugene but were eliminated. Our single (A) team, the Everett Street Mechanics, had so many boys that wanted to play for the team that the coach had to split the team into two rosters.

American Legion Baseball

is amateur baseball played by 13-to-19-year-olds in fifty states in the U.S. and Canada. More than 3,500 teams participate each year. The American Legion Department of South Dakota established this program in 1925 and, since its inception, has taught hundreds of thousands of young Americans the importance of sportsmanship, good health and active citizenship. The program is also a promoter of equality, making teammates out of young athletes regardless of their income levels or social standings.

Playing American Legion Baseball this summer was a great experience for the young men on our three teams (the teams were comprised of players from Ida B. Wells, Lincoln, Franklin, Roosevelt, Aloha, Tigard, Mountainside, Lakeridge, Canby and Hillsboro high schools).

This Post's financial effort to support our American Legion Baseball Teams is spearheaded by the Thursday night poker players who contributed \$2,000.00 in 2023 to the program. If you would like to help support this Post's baseball program by playing Thursday night poker or making a financial donation in this regard, contact Steve Knapke at (503) 442-0776 / squeezebox21@comcast.net .

New Movement Class

There will be a new class on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00
"Rocking Portland Bridges"

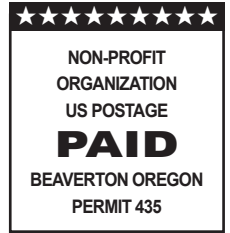
that uses body movements, centered around the Clystik to create awareness and balance within the body and mind. Led by Steve Stephens.
 "Pause your Mind"



General meeting is second Tuesday of the month, there will be no Bingo that night.



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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	10-6

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.