



TIGARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 158

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8635 SW Scoffins Street
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Happy Holidays!

From your Post Commander

Happy Holidays!

As the end of the year is upon us, it is also time to renew your dues. I wanted to remind you of some of the powerful things that your dues impact for both the health of our post and our community. Even if you don't come and enjoy our post, your dues help National, Department, and Post 158's projects like David's Chair, the food bank, etc.

In addition, your dues help us voice our community's needs in legislation that affects veterans and also improving care with the VA. For instance, the PACT Act of 2022 was pushed through in large part due to the voice of this community through your petitions



and participation in our national efforts to help veterans get the care they need. With that in mind, please take the time to renew your membership and continue helping us give back to our family veterans

and the communities that we signed up to protect. You can do so online, (either through legion.org or go to our website www.tigardamericanlegion.org), in person at the post, or via mail). If you have questions, please reach out to us at tigardamericanlegion@gmail.com or 503-624-2332.

As far as holidays are concerned the post will be closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. That said, we are always looking for ways to connect our community, especially knowing that the Holidays aren't always easy for some of us. So, if you need a place to go, please don't hesitate to reach out and we will find a place where you can feel welcome during the holidays. Remember that you are not alone and that a buddy is always just a phone call or email away.

Allyson
Post Commander

Adjutant's Message

We're at the end of the year already and that means renewal time. For Legion members it's especially important to renew early as dues go from \$40 to \$45 on November 12th. All members of Post #158 made goal last year and we already have 281 Legion members renewed for this year. But, we need everyone on board: Legion, Sons, and Auxiliary. Renew by November 11th to be an Early Bird but be certain to renew by December 31st. This year we are changing the entry cards effective New Year's Day, 2023 and you'll need a new card for access to The Post.

Adjutant Marc

Christmas News from Larrie Noble

We are planning to resume some food box donations for some families in our community. We will serve the Veterans at the Knoll, low-income apartments, the Veterans at the Watershed, again low-income apartments, and the families at Charles F Tigard School. The number of families we can serve from CFT will depend on the possibility of a generous partnership that is in discussion currently.



We have a smaller amount of money in the Christmas account than we usually have had in the past. Several of our generous members who donated in the past have passed away. One of the major Corporate donators is unsure if they will be able to donate this year.

SO THE PLAN IS-----We will begin selling "turkey bucks" at the bar the first of November. They will still be \$5.00. We will figure out how they can be displayed without causing any harm to the beautiful painting that has been done since we last sold them. We will be using some of the donations that come in to the food bank to fill the boxes but we will need to purchase food also. We are hoping to fill the boxes as we usually do with a selection of high protein foods, a good variety of cereal, soup, fruit, rice and noodle as well as peanut butter and then a chicken or a turkey.

Any donations that you are able to give and any "turkey bucks" you are able to purchase will certainly help us to provide more food for more families and show our support for the community. At this time we plan on loading food boxes on the 16th of December and having them distributed on the 17th of December.

Larrie Noble

Auxiliary News:

Hello Ladies:

It's the time of year to get ready for the holidays and the Auxiliary is here to help! We're having a holiday bazaar on November 19 in Fisher Hall from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm so you can get started on your Christmas shopping the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Additionally, we will be selling holiday wreaths & swags for \$20. We ask that you pre-order your wreaths & swags by November 9 (order forms available at the bar). Your order will be available for pick-up in Fisher Hall on November 19.

If you have any gift or decor items to donate, please contact Barb Smith (503-246-5721) or myself (503-805-7295) to coordinate drop-off the week before the bazaar.

Nancy Scott
President



Renewal notices from national were sent out and we are at almost 50% returned to me, please send in your renewal payments to me or drop off at the post. Your renewals allow us to support veteran programs

Barb Smith
1st VP



Oktoberfest was great fun, the polka music provided by Steve and Jim was appreciated! Check the calendar to join us for our dinners the second Saturdays in November and December.

Kimberly Reid
2nd VP



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, however, due to holidays we will meet Sunday, November 27 and Sunday, December 18.

Who's Who at Your Post

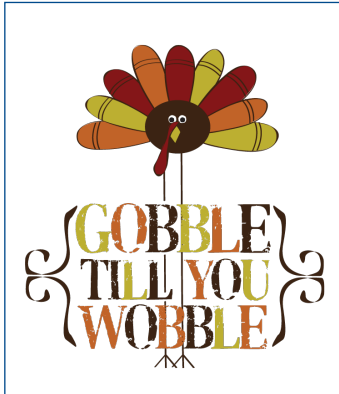


POST OFFICERS		AUXILIARY		SONS OF THE LEGION		LEGION RIDERS	
	Commander Allyson Kropf		President Nancy Scott		Commander Damian Vonahlefeld		Director Jeff Boggs
	1st Vice CDR Jim Waggoner		1st Vice Pres Barbara Smith		1st Vice CDR Greg Knight		Vice Director Dale Nichols
	2nd Vice CDR Vacant		2nd Vice Pres Kimberly Reid		2nd Vice CDR Wayne Sypert		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		Chaplain Angela Stanfield
	Service Officer Vacant		Chaplain Karen Walker		Sgt. at Arms Randy Houck		Road Captain Scott Rees
	Sgt. at Arms Craig Hopkins		Historian Georganne Dorr		Chaplain Jack Schleyer		Sgt. at Arms Darrell Cearley
	Chaplain Harry Thomas		Sgt. at Arms Sue Richey		Historian OPEN		Historian Vickie Pearson
	Historian Vacant		"E" Board Nancy Scott				
	Judge Advocate Steve Knapke		Jr Past Pres Nora Pirrie				
	E-Board at Large Lee Hughes Ed Noble						
	Jr Past CDR Barb Davis						

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.

There are more volunteer opportunities.

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

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 your 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.

Announcements:

Reminder:

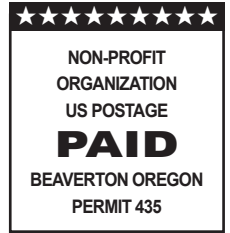
Our General Meeting is the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

There will be no Bingo on the 2nd Tuesdays of the month until June.

We 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.