



TIGARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 158

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NEWSLETTER - MAR/APR 2023

8635 SW Scoffins Street
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Hello Members of Post 158!

The general meeting in March will mark the opening of several positions on the Legionnaire Executive Board. We encourage you to apply if you are passionate about making Post 158 a pillar for our community. As a board we welcome diverse thoughts and opinions and are looking for fresh perspectives to help us continually drive the future of our post's legacy and success. You must be present to nominate a legionnaire in good standing or you can have someone nominate you. If you are curious to learn more about what it means to be a member of the board, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly.

As of January, I have been appointed to the American Legion National Legislative Council assigned to Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici. My main purpose in this role is to regularly engage in an open dialogue with Congresswoman Bonamici on issues and opportunities concerning the American Legion's national legislative goals and objectives. Which include acts around: "Military Quality of Life", "VA Healthcare Modernization", and "Mental Health and Suicide Prevention". I am proud to represent our post and the Legion in this as we ensure your voice is heard and action is taken to support our community. If you would like to know the American Legion's national legislative goals and objective you can go to <https://www.legion.org/legislative/258056/legion-lines-out-priorities-118th-congress>. You can also sign up for legislative alerts at <https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home>.

I take great joy and pride in being Post 158's Commander and hope that you will join me in my mission to protect our community's voice, serve the people around us, and exemplify the values that have made the American Legion a cornerstone institution of our great country.

Allyson
Post Commander



★ Special Notices ★

***Cook's Choice** on the calendar lunches will be noted on Facebook and listed the week before at the Post. Menu will depend on food availability.

Meeting Notice: Attendees to the monthly meetings will be able to BOGO (buy one get one free) drink on the night of the meeting. You must attend the meeting for this offer.



Adjutant's Message

Membership is important to all of us at The Post as a strong membership gives us the ability to make a difference in our programs to benefit veterans and the community around us. Our current Legion membership for 2023 is 414 new and renewed members.

The access card transition has been going very well with over 242 Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons members receiving the new yellow access cards. That shows that we've got a lot of Post members coming in to use Post facilities. When we issue a new access card, we are updating your contact information. Much of our member contact information is as old as your initial

membership application. For many of us that's a long time ago. Since then, many of us have moved, dropped our landline in favor of a cell phone, or gotten an e-mail address.

If you haven't renewed for 2023 or gotten your new access card, drop by The Post for a Wednesday lunch, a Saturday dinner, or just to say hi and share time with your fellow Post members. You're a member here!

Marc Cowling



Auxiliary News:

President -

Hello Ladies & Gentlemen:

The days are getting longer and I welcome the extra sunlight. If you weren't able to attend the Americanism dinner, you missed meeting the young woman we sponsored at 2022 Girls State. Phoebe shared the news that she had an amazing time, learned a lot, appreciated the opportunity to attend and oh by the way, received & accepted an appointment to USMA West Point!!!

The VA Hospital is once again accepting afghans, quilts & lap robes - either 4' x 6' or 5' x 8'. They need to be washable and can be crocheted, knitted or patchwork (with backing, batting & tied or quilted). No fringe. If you have any to donate, please contact me so we can coordinate delivery.

We've been asked to co-sponsor a Freedom Flight Hot Air Balloon for the Tigard Festival of Balloons June 23-25 at Cook Park. If interested in being a part of this event, see the calendar for planning meeting information the first and third Wednesdays.

I hope to see you at our delicious monthly dinners at the Post. We're fighting inflation by keeping our dinner price at \$10. And don't forget to attend general membership meetings when you can.

Nancy Scott, President



1st Vice -

The Auxiliary is at 82% of our 209 goal, please renew and promote membership to your friends and family. We will have an initiation at the April meeting for new members.

Barb Smith, 1st VP

2nd Vice -

January Chili cook-off and February Valentine Dinners were a great success! Come help with March and April dinners, we appreciate volunteers.

Kimberly Reid, 2nd VP

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

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	Randy Palmore
Adjutant	Jach Schleyer
Finance Officer	Bill Vokoun
Sgt. at Arms	Randy Houck
Chaplain	Wayne Sybert
Historian	OPEN



LEGION RIDERS

Director	Jeff Boggs
Vice Director	Dale Nichols
Treasurer	Bill Vokoun
Secretary	Angie Cearley
Chaplain	Angela Stanfield
Road Captain	Scott Rees
Sgt. at Arms	Darrell Cearley
Historian	Vickie Pearson



FREEDOM FLIGHT, INC.

“The POW/MIA Hot Air Balloon Team”

P.O. Box 1052, St. Cloud, MN 56302 USA | A 501(c)(3) Educational Non-profit Organization

Legion Riders Corner -

The American Legion Riders will be sponsoring the Freedom Flight POW/MIA balloon (freedomflight.org) at this year’s Tigard Balloon Festival June 23-25 at Cook Park. This is a great opportunity for American Legion Post 158, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders to be part of the local community and gain exposure for the American Legion and our many programs such as David’s chair, food bank, Boys/Girls State, etc. We will need volunteers to assist at our booth during the event and we will be posting a sign-up sheet for 2 hour shifts. As a volunteer you will be provided with a free entry pass which allows you to wander the event before/after your shift. Additional information will be provided at the March balloon meetings, so please attend to find out more.

Committee planning for this event will be the first and third Wednesdays at 6:30 starting in March, all are welcome to attend and assist in the plans. There will be many opportunities for you to help ensure this is a great success, such as volunteering, purchase of Balloon Bucks, general donation box and more to come. Please make any checks payable to the American Legion and in the memo line note Tigard Balloon Festival.



For additional information please contact Angela Stanfield 503-290-6886 or angelas0304@gmail.com. We want to thank you in advance for your help to ensure this is the best representation of the American Legion and hope that this becomes an annual event.

Sincerely,
American Legion Riders

Happy
St. Patty’s Day!



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”

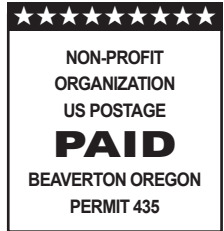
Announcements:

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	Starting April 1 - 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.