



TIGARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 158

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NEWSLETTER - JAN/FEB 2023

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From your Post Commander

Happy New Year!

As we approach the next year of our lives and our community, I hope you'll join me in both reflection and planning for action. The writer Alex Morritt once said "New year—a new chapter, new verse, or just the same old story? Ultimately, we write it. The choice is ours." I would like each one of us to think on this quote and decide what we want for this new year. And to quote C.S. Lewis "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

With that in mind, I would like to challenge our whole Post (including myself) to be more considerate and empathetic to every member, guest, and person in the community that we interact with. I think Judy Garland said it best - "Well, we have a whole new year ahead of us. And wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all be a little gentler with each other, and a little more loving, have a little more empathy, and maybe next year at this time we'd like each other a little more." Let's try to make the world around us a little better this year and it takes each one of us to put the intention and effort so we can all benefit from this.

I hope this new year of 2023 will be a good one for all. However, please remember that if this next year brings struggles to you there is always someone to talk to at the post and support is just a phone call or email away.

Allyson
Post Commander



Adjutant's Message

Welcome to the New Year at your American Legion Post #158. Membership is going well with both renewals and new member applications. We're at about 350 members already for 2023 — thank you all who have signed on. That's pretty good but remember that we're changing the locks on January 1, 2023 and you'll need to show your 2023 Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL Card to get a new door access key. So, if you haven't sent in your 2023 dues, do it now so you won't be out in the cold come January. Looking forward to seeing you in 2023!

A special thanks to everyone who helped with putting up and taking down the Veterans Day Flags. Volunteers are the members that make this Post great. Happy New Year!

Adjutant Marc



★ ★ *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.



Auxiliary News:

Hello Ladies:

Thanks & gratitude to everyone that purchased a wreath, donated to, worked at, and/or shopped at our Holiday Bazaar in November. Our vendors were pleased with their results and we earned over \$1,000 towards our program donations. We don't have any major fundraisers in January or February other than our meals - meals that you won't want to miss!! The chili-cookoff in January is always fun & you can sip champagne at our Valentines dinner in February. Starting in January, we will be getting an early start on making the poppies that we'll sell in May. You can make those poppies at our monthly meetings or ask at the Post for supplies and you can assemble them at home. See you at the Post!

Nancy Scott
President

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

Chili Cook-Off



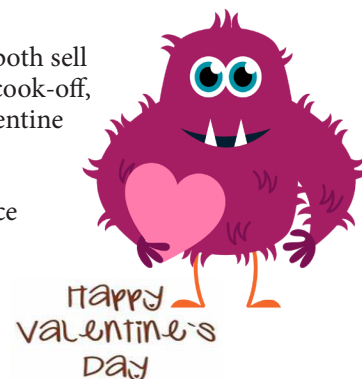
Thank to all who have renewed their Auxiliary dues for 2023, we are at 70% of goal! The door card for entry will be changed Jan.1, you will have to show your 2023 membership card to obtain a new one. Renewals can be dropped off at the Post. National will send out renewal notices, sometimes they go out to people who have already paid so check your card for the date.

Barb Smith
1st VP



November and December Auxiliary dinners were both sell outs! Submit your chili or cornbread for the Chili cook-off, prizes for first 3 place winners. February is the Valentine dinner with chicken cordon bleu and a glass of champagne. The Americanism dinner will be February 21, come show your support for our Police and Fire departments.

Kimberly Reid
2nd VP



Who's Who at Your Post



POST OFFICERS

Commander	Allyson Kropf
1 st Vice CDR	Jim Waggoner
2 nd 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
1 st Vice Pres	Barbara Smith
2 nd 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



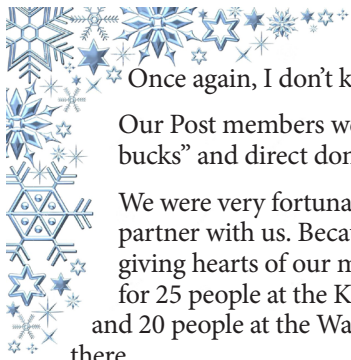
SONS OF THE LEGION

Commander	Damian Vonahlefeld
1 st Vice CDR	Greg Knight
2 nd Vice CDR	Wayne Syper
Adjutant	Jach Schleyer
Finance Officer	Bill Vokoun
Sgt. at Arms	Randy Houck
Chaplain	Jack Schleyer
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



From Larrie Noble -

Once again, I don't know how many ways to say thank you.

Our Post members were extremely generous with "Turkey bucks" and direct donations.

We were very fortunate to have Tigard Rotary willing to partner with us. Because of the Rotary generosity and the giving hearts of our members we were able to provide food for 25 people at the Knoll with focus on the Veterans there and 20 people at the Watershed again focusing on the Veterans there.

We provided food boxes and gift cards to 35 families who were food insecure at the Charles F. Tigard school. We facilitated adoption of 3 families by our outstanding Girl Scout troop, 2 families for an anonymous donor and 2 families for a family that just wanted to give back to our community while facing many personal challenges of their own.

Many years ago I learned not to try to thank folks individually because invariably someone got left out and feelings were hurt. That being said I do have to especially thank Bill and Paula Vokoun for the MANY HOURS spent to assure the food was purchased within the budget guidance and brought to the Post for packaging and distribution. Our bartenders went over and above selling "Turkey bucks" and raising money with raffles and from other Post activities.

Jim continues to assure additional donations were available for distribution, had extra boxes available for perishables received, and graciously made sure we were serving those that needed a hand up this holiday season.

I know there are MANY OTHERS who helped with this Christmas activity as we provided a community service for those in need of help at this time of year.

Again I say thank you to all who supported this project and for all your hours of hard work with your own busy holiday schedules temporarily set aside.

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 your 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.

SAL Report -

Membership is currently at 62% renewal rate. We expect a jump in membership due to Key Card replacement beginning on January 1st. The SAL charitable donations for 2022 were to Child Welfare fund, Veterans and Child Foundation, Willy Williams SAL Scholarship, and DHS Foster Children Christmas Gifts.

The SAL would like to thank the following volunteers for their efforts and culinary skills with the SAL dinners: Gregory Knight, Dave Long, Randy Palmore, Paul Vonahldfeld, Matt Technore and Wayne Sybert. The SAL pizza was a great idea, just not enough. Lesson learned. We're making pizza a new SAL tradition for Thanksgiving weekend. Watch the Civil War at the post, followed by Pizza. Win-Win

Legion Riders Corner -

Although we haven't been riding our motorcycles recently due to weather, we have been very busy in other ways. The Rider's led month end work parties have spruced up the outside grounds. Thank you to all who donated to our Christmas Salvation Army Veteran's Care Package and came to our Dec 17th Tri Trip Sat. Dinner. The proceeds from the very successful dinner supported the Post's Christmas Food Basket Program. The Riders wish everyone a Happy New Year.

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.



Announcements:

Reminder:

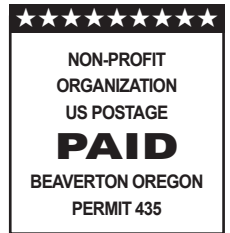
Our General Meeting is the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

**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.