



TIGARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 158

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NEWSLETTER - JAN-FEB 2025

8635 SW Scoffins Street
Tigard, Oregon 97223

From your Commander

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

As we begin this new year, I am thankful to so many volunteers who keep our building and activities functioning so well. And to each member for your continuing participation.

And not to be forgotten, our associated members in the Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders, without whom, so many projects from this last year could not have been undertaken and completed.



And a special Thank You to the Thursday Rotary group who have become a large part in supporting our missions.

Some of the activities and projects are; the furnace, the sidewalk, railing, and parking stops, the Christmas boxes, gift cards, jackets, scholarships, Boys State, Thanksgiving Dinner at the Turf, construction of the new office, deconstruction of the old office to enlarge the dining area, Vittles from Vets, flag placement in Tigard and the Crescent Grove Cemetery, Western Days, Fourth of July Picnic, hosting the Winter District meeting, Memorial Day service in the Cemetery,

Americanism dinner with police and firefighter of the year acknowledgement, and the four Legion baseball teams. Be sure and catch their schedules posted on the door in season. Clean up outside day, the last Sunday morning each month with the Riders is ongoing, keeping the grounds cleared and presentable.

As you can see, there are many opportunities to take part in as well as to volunteer for.

Of note, help is still needed with Vittles from Vets and for serving/helping in the dining room for Friday or Saturday dinners. Think about where you would like to participate.

Let's together make 2025 an involved and gracious year for our Post and one another.

It is with pleasure that I wish each of you a most Happy New Year.

Gary Baldwin
Commander, Post 158

Adjutant's Message

Happy New Year to all! I hope Santa was good to you this year. But even if he wasn't, remember that Tigard American Legion Santa was good to a whole bunch of families again this year. We again teamed with The Rotary to provide coats and gift cards to needful families. You can be proud of your Post and the good work we do. Be involved!

2025 is upon us and with the New Year comes renewal time at your Post. If you haven't renewed your Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons membership already, get that check in right away. I'm changing the key card reader on January 1st and your old blue access card will no longer open the door after that date. If you haven't renewed your membership, come on down to The Post, pay your 2025 dues and we'll give you a new access card that unlocks the front and side doors. If you have already renewed, come on down to your Post and we'll give you a new access card. Either way, visit your Post, say hi to your fellow Post members, and pick up your new card. We like to see you at your Post!

Marc Cowling
Adjutant



Three of Post 158's governing documents (Tigard American Legion Post 158 House Rules, Tigard Post 158 By-Laws and the Constitution of Tigard Post 158 The American Legion Department of Oregon) are currently under review to ensure they are up-to-date and accurate. These documents are posted on the canteen's bulletin board for all members to review. Members will vote on whether to adopt these three documents at the January 14, 2025 General meeting. Forward any recommendations or suggestions to: Steve Knapke / Judge Advocate / email: squeezebox21@comcast.net / cell: 503 442-0776.

Auxiliary Report:

President -

Happy New Year!!

January is Legislative month and National Security month for the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA). Did you know Coast Guard personnel are the only military branch working without pay during government shutdowns? Or that National Guard & Reserve service members don't accrue GI Bill benefits when activated under State orders? What YOU can do? Go to the National American Legion website's "Grassroots Action Center" under the "Advocacy" tab to send a letter to your US Congress members. There are currently 10 different proposals in Congress that will improve the lives of our military, veterans & their families. There



are pre-written letters you can send or you can write your own. It takes only a few minutes to fill in your name & address and send that letter to your House & Senate members. <https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home>.

February is Americanism month. Our annual Americanism Dinner honors the Firefighter of the Year, Law Officer of the Year, American Legion Baseball coaches and the high school students we send to Girls State & Boys State. This year's dinner will be Tuesday, February 18. It's always great to meet and hear from those we honor. All members are invited to attend. Details about the menu, time & cost will be posted in early February.

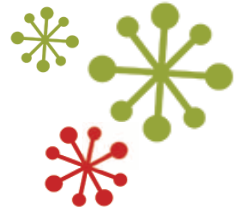
See you at the Post!

Nancy Scott
President, Unit 158

1st Vice -

Please renew for 2025 if you haven't already done so, you can drop off your dues at the Post or mail them in. Also encourage friends and family to join the Post.

Barb Smith
1st VP



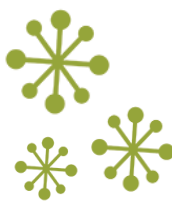
2nd Vice -

November And December auxiliary dinners were well attended. January is the Chili cook-off, so sign up to bring in your award-winning chili or corn bread, you can sign up at the Post or send us an email for your entry. February will be the Valentine dinner.

Carol Lee
2nd VP

Don't miss these upcoming events!

Auxiliary Chili Coof-Off - January 11th
Americanism Dinner - February 18th



meetings!

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Legion and Auxiliary Meetings will be the
2nd Tuesday of the month.

There is no BINGO on those days.



From Larrie Noble -

As you all know it takes many dedicated people to make our Post programs succeed. Once again, the members of Post 158, Tigard Rotary and the Teachers and Counsellors from Charles F Tigard (CFT) school partnered together to serve 60 Veterans and 45 families with 97 children from CFT and some self-referrals.



You were very generous with your donations both financially and with time. Determining what items to put in the food boxes takes planning and a great deal of coordination with Post members, Rotary, WinCo and community members who know those who are receiving the boxes and what their needs are currently.

Our Post is well respected in Tigard for the contributions we make to improve our community and give a hand up to Veterans and families.

I appreciate each and every one of you who worked so hard and supported the Christmas program.

Larrie Noble

Riders News...

The Riders want to thank everyone that came and supported the Beef Stroganoff dinner. Also, we want to thank everyone that donated to the Salvation Army Holiday Care Packages.

I love
all the seasons
but winter is best!
Let's put on our mittens.
Now we are dressed.
In the snow, we love to play
And this is what we hear:
Brrr, brrr, brrr, brrr!
That's this
season's cheer!

by
Mary Sullivan



DIAL 988 then **PRESS 1**

Who's Who at Your Post



POST OFFICERS

Commander	Gary Baldwin
1st Vice CDR	Susan Hughes
2nd Vice CDR	Jim Waggoner
Adjutant	Marc Cowling
Finance Officer	Bill Vokoun
Sgt. at Arms	Craig Hopkins
Judge Advocate	Steve Knapke
Historian	Vacant
Chaplain	Harry Thomas
Service Officer	Jack Gritzbaugh
E-Board at Large	Lee Hughes Richard Gardner
Jr Past CDR	Allyson Kropf



AUXILIARY

President	Nancy Scott
1st Vice Pres	Barbara Smith
2nd Vice Pres	Carol Lee Newton
Secretary	Debbie Hicks
Treasurer	Norma Barber
Chaplain	Karen Walker
Historian	Georganne Dorr
Sgt. at Arms	Rhonda Graham
"E" Board	Nancy Scott



SONS OF THE LEGION

Commander	Wayne Sybert
1st Vice CDR	Greg Knight
2nd Vice CDR	Randy Palmore
Adjutant	Marc Cowling
Finance Officer	Bill Vokoun
Sgt. at Arms	Randy Houck
Chaplain	Damian Vonahlefeld
Historian	Matt Tichenor

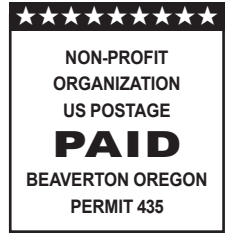


LEGION RIDERS

Director	Jeff Boggs
Asst Director	Emmett Hayes
Treasurer	Bill Vokoun
Secretary	Angie Cearley
Road Captain	Randy Ellison
Sgt. at Arms	Joe Zwingraf
Chaplain	Angela Stanfield
Historian	OPEN



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Current Post Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	2:30 - 9:00
Wednesday	Noon - 9:00
Thursday	2:30 - 9:30
Friday	2:30 - 10:00
Saturday	2:30 - 10:00
Sunday	9:00 - 8:00

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.